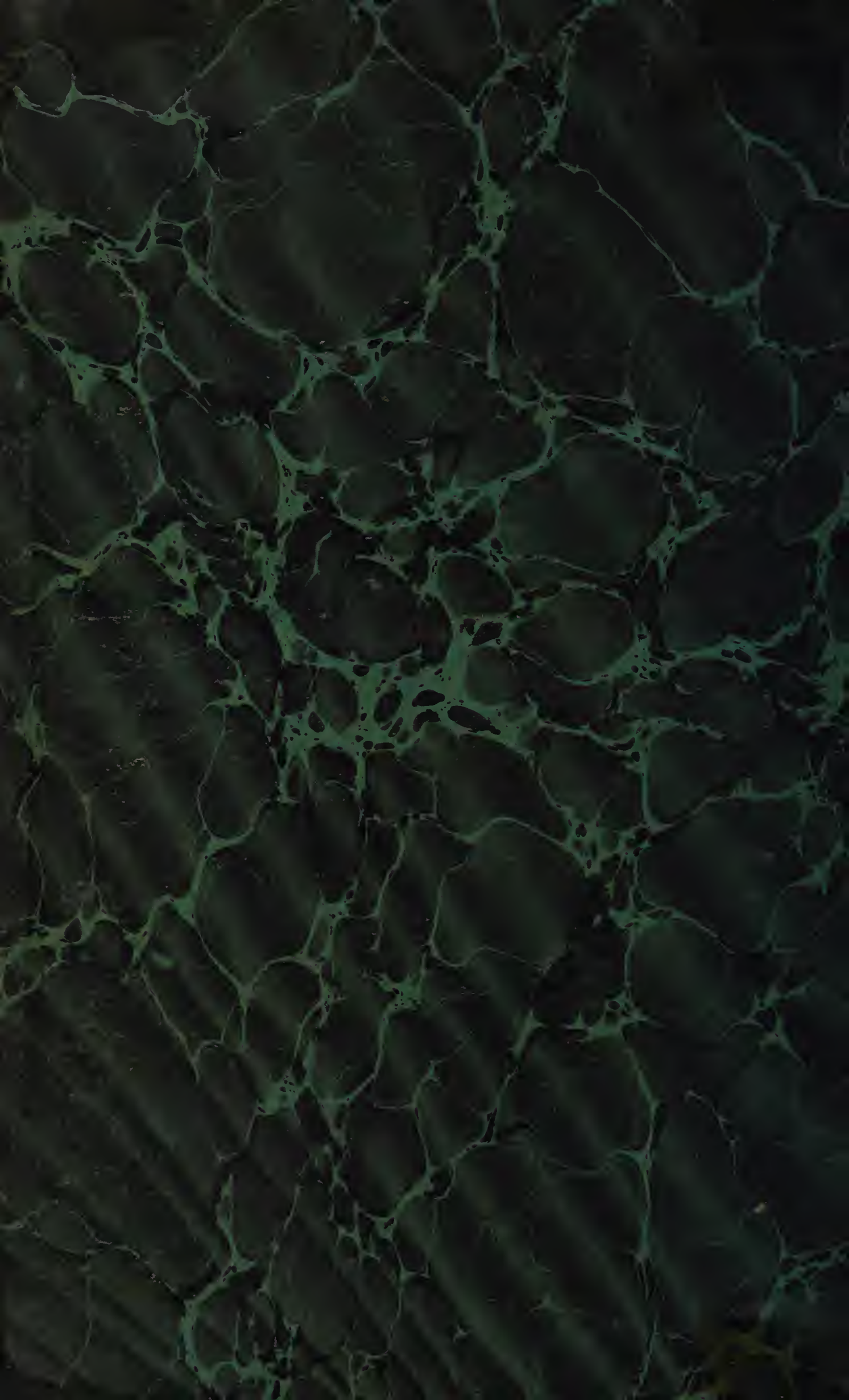

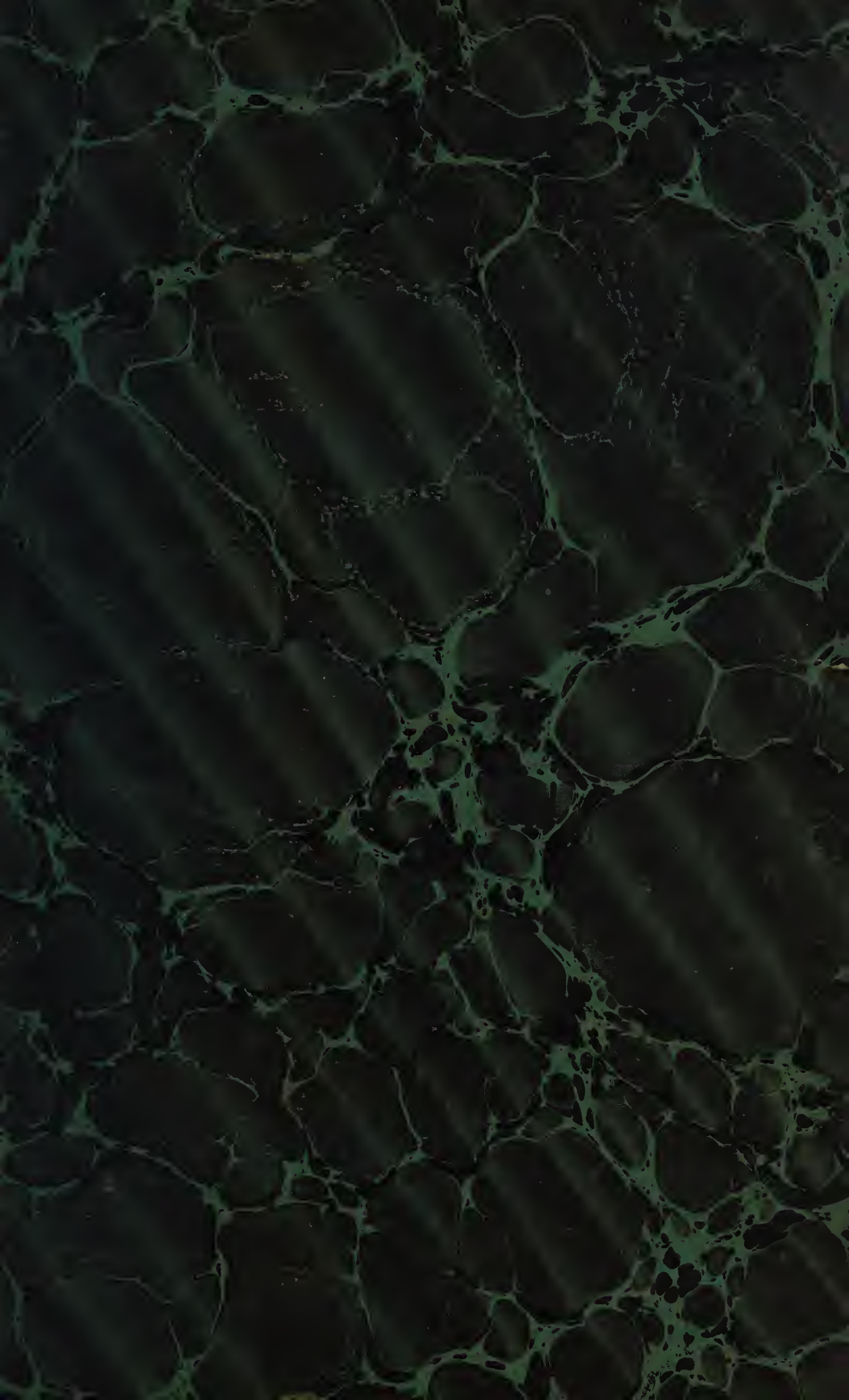

The Property of the

Town of Wenham,

Mass.

# ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

# SELECTMEN

—OF THE—

# Town of Wenham,

—FOR THE—

## YEAR ENDING FEB. 23, 1871,

—WITH THE—

## Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

SALEM:
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1871.

# REPORT.

## Schools.

Balance of appropriation unexpended Feb. 15th, 1870.....$547 63

EAST SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid K. C. Grant, teaching | $ 84 00 | |
| G. M. Williams, building fires | 4 00 | |
| " " " setting glass | 75 | —$ 88 75 |

NECK SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid R. F. Dodge, teaching | $ 50 00 | |
| C. H. Dodge, building fires | 4 00 | —$ 54 00 |

CENTRE GRAMMAR.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid William Haskell, teaching | $192 50 | |

PRIMARY.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Ahbie M. Fellows, teaching | $105 00 | |
| W. C. Bradstreet, building fires | 4 00 | —$301 50 |

WEST SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Alice Swinerton, teaching | $113 75 | —$113 75 |

| | |
|---|---|
| | 558 00 |
| Unexpended appropriations | 547 63 |
| Overdrawn | $10 37 |

EAST SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid K. C. Grant, teaching | $227 50 | |
| W. W. Fowler, books delivered | 5 27 | |
| H. Hobbs, books | 1 90 | |
| K. C. Grant, fixtures | 3 96 | |
| J. K. Dodge, wood | 18 00 | —$256 63 |

## NECK SCHOOL.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Mary F. Green, teaching | $340 | 00 | |
| W. W. Fowler, books | 2 | 31 | |
| Henry Hobbs, books | 4 | 70 | |
| Hubbard and Dodge, broom | | 55 | |
| J. Choate, Jr., setting glass | | 60 | |
| E. F. Knowlton, wood | 18 | 00 | $366 16 |

## CENTRE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid D. Dorchester, teaching | $112 | 50 | |
| Oren C. Sykes, teaching | 60 | 00 | |
| W. D. Macintosh, teaching | 270 | 00 | |
| W. W. Fowler, books | 3 | 52 | |
| Henry Hobbs, books, ink and crayons | 13 | 93 | |
| Oren C. Sykes, lock and keys | 1 | 00 | |
| W. D. Macintosh, whitewashing school room | 1 | 75 | |
| John Girdler, coal | 50 | 00 | |
| Joseph Cook, care of school room | 15 | 00 | $527 70 |

## CENTRE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Abbie M. Fellows, teaching | $306 | 00 | |
| W. W. Fowler, books | | 35 | |
| J. Choate, setting glass | | 80 | |
| Isaac Porter, repairs | 4 | 25 | |
| Lewis H. Bradstreet, building fires | 4 | 00 | |
| Andrew Dodge, wood | 20 | 00 | $335 40 |

## WEST SCHOOL.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Laura S. Woodbury, teaching | $253 | 50 | |
| W. W. Fowler, books | 1 | 25 | |
| Henry Hobbs, books | 1 | 15 | |
| Amos C. White, wood | 16 | 00 | |
| John E. Tiney, repairs | 6 | 00 | $277 90 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Whole amount expended for Schools the present year | $1763 | 79 |
| Overdrawn last year | 10 | 37 |
| | 1774 | 16 |
| Town Appropriation | 1600 | 00 |
| State School Fund | 148 | 90 |
| | 1748 | 90 |
| Overdrawn | 25 | 26 |

# Highways.

## WARD ONE.

ANDREW STANDLY, SURVEYOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| A. Standly, labor | 13 25 | I. Day | 4 50 |
| C. Wyatt, " | 5 00 | B. Birchstead | 2 50 |
| W. Higgins, " | 7 00 | F. Birchstead | 2 50 |
| J. W. Higgins | 2 50 | Wm. Hull | 70 |
| J. Woodbury | 2 50 | | |
| | | | $40 45 |

## WARD TWO.

JOHN GENTLEE, SURVEYOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| John Gentlee, labor | 36 70 | Cyrus Tuttle | 3 75 |
| Herbert Woodbury | 5 00 | William Lakeman | 3 75 |
| Jacob Brown | 5 00 | Ezra Swasey | 11 25 |
| David White | 2 50 | R. F. Dodge | 3 12 |
| J. W. Morgan | 11 25 | | |
| | | | $82 32 |

## WARD THREE.

CHARLES WILKINS, SURVEYOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| F. R. Edwards, labor | 12 00 | George A. Dodge | 5 00 |
| Abraham Dodge, 2d | 3 75 | S. R. Prince | 8 82 |
| George Babcock | 3 75 | Ezra Dodge | 15 75 |
| W. S. Cummings | 8 75 | Andrew Dodge | 16 75 |
| B. F. Young | 1 25 | Mrs. Lydia Curtis | 8 25 |
| Nicholas Dodge | 3 75 | | |
| | | | $87 82 |

## WARD FOUR.

WILLIAM B. DODGE, SURVEYOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Stephen Dodge, labor | 8 25 | Moses D. Wilkins | 2 50 |
| Simeon Dodge | 8 50 | J. Kavanagh, shovel | 75 |
| Abraham Dodge | 17 62 | James H. Perkins | 4 60 |
| Wm. B. Dodge | 8 75 | | |
| | | | $50 97 |

## WARD FIVE.

HORACE P. ABBOTT, SURVEYOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lyman Littlefield, labor | 21 25 | J. Cavanagh | 32 30 |
| Joseph Cook | 11 25 | P. Cavanagh | 12 00 |
| Horace P. Abbott | 53 25 | I. Roberts, gravel | 7 06 |
| Thomas Garvin | 7 50 | R. A. Dodge, gravel | 2 30 |
| J. Beckford | 7 50 | | |
| | | | $154 41 |

## WARD SIX.

JAMES L. DODGE, SURVEYOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Philip Kavanagh | 17 75 | Daniel A. Homan | 1 25 |
| Levi Hutchinson | 2 50 | John Hoyatt | 2 50 |
| Paul M. Barnes | 3 75 | James L. Dodge | 6 25 |
| Joseph Cook | 3 75 | | |
| | | | $37 75 |

## WARD SEVEN.

STEPHEN COOK, SURVEYOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Stephen Cook, labor | 34 00 | S. E Kimball | 2 50 |
| Samuel S. Cook | 7 50 | Henry S. Kent | 5 00 |
| John H. Cook | 5 75 | John E. Tiney | 7 00 |
| George A. Lane | 18 50 | A. F. Bagley | 7 25 |
| N. P. Perkins | 17 50 | George W. Parsons | 18 25 |
| Wm. Moulton | 15 00 | Charles Dodge | 27 50 |
| G W. Peabody | 14 75 | J Kavanagh, shovel | 50 |
| Harvey Pierce | 5 00 | | |
| | | | $186 00 |

## WARD EIGHT.

J. T. BROWN, SURVEYOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| James T. Brown, labor | 9 50 | Joseph Wisil | 7 50 |
| Elbridge Kimball | 7 50 | | |
| Edward L. Kimball | 10 50 | | $35 00 |

## EXTRA HIGHWAY.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid John Gentlee, Ward One | $13 75 |
| John W. Morgan, Ward One | 11 25 |
| Charles Wilkins, stock and labor on bridge, Ward Three | 43 92 |
| Philip Kavanagh, Ward Five | 47 00 |
| Levi Hutchinson, Ward Five | 16 50 |
| B. H. Cloutman, Ward Five | 7 50 |
| Joseph Cook, Ward Five | 26 25 |
| John Hoyatt, Ward Five | 2 50 |
| Jeremiah Kavanagh, Ward Five | 62 26 |
| Daniel A. Homan, Ward Five | 9 00 |
| Wellington Pool | 1 00 |
| Joseph L. Batchelder | 25 20 |
| Joseph Beckford | 9 25 |
| D. Bradbury, sharpening pick | 75 |
| Daniel Homan, laying bridge | 2 00 |
| N. P. Perkins, Ward Seven | 2 00 |
| R. A. Dodge, gravel | 10 00 |
| I. H. Roberts, gravel | 7 65 |
| D. Homan, labor on bridge | 2 00 |
| | $299 72 |

CLEARING SNOW.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Ward One, George M. Williams | $ 19 50 | |
| " Two, Wm. Morgan | 30 07 | |
| " " John Gentlee | 10 49 | |
| " Three, Nicholas Dodge | 105 38 | |
| " " Charles Wilkins | 24 75 | |
| " Four, James H. Perkins | 90 74 | |
| " " Wm. B. Dodge | 16 90 | |
| " Five, L. Southwick | 35 72 | |
| " Six, E. A. Dodge | 25 08 | |
| " Seven, Samuel S. Cook | 116 85 | |
| " " J. G. Kent | 3 50 | |
| " " Stephen Cook | 5 49 | |
| " Eight, Edward L. Kimball | 26 37 | $510 84 |

# Poor.

MRS. SARAH LANGMAID.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid for her support | $104 00 | |
| Josiah Woodbury, wood | 8 50 | |
| John Gentlee, wood | 9 00 | |
| Cyrus Tuttle, cutting wood | 6 25 | |
| Dr. J. L. Robinson, medical attendance | 20 00 | |
| Henry Patch, meat | 17 29 | |
| John Gentlee, for medicine | 4 00 | |
| John Gentlee, for meat | 2 02 | $171 06 |

JOSHUA BURNHAM.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid William Lakeman, board | $198 50 | |
| Dr. J. L. Robinson, medical attendance | 20 00 | |
| John Gentlee, clothing | 8 85 | |
| B. F. Johnson, medicine | 40 | $227 75 |

JOHN H. GIFFORD.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid W. W. Fowler, supplies | $22 14 | |
| Hubbard & Dodge, supplies | 72 00 | |
| J. Kavanagh, wood | 16 50 | |
| S. Porter, wood | 8 00 | |
| Henry Perkins, wood | 2 75 | |
| J. Riggs, sawing and splitting | 9 75 | |
| J. Riggs, house rent | 23 00 | |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid J. Riggs, extra work and cash paid | 2 40 | | |
| F. B. Rice, goods | 6 75 | | |
| Dr. J. L. Robinson, medical attendance | 15 00 | | |
| B. F. Johnson, medicine | 12 00 | | |
| J. H. Allen, coffin | 8 00 | | |
| J. Bickford, funeral expenses | 4 00 | —$202 | 29 |

Mrs. Clara Williams.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Daniel Perkins, board | $132 50 | | |
| Daniel Perkins, goods | 62 | | |
| F. B. Rice, goods | 6 14 | —$139 | 26 |

John King.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid William B. Morgan, board | $42 00 | | |
| Daniel Richards, clothing | 6 50 | | |
| B. F. Johnson, medicine | 4 00 | — $52 | 50 |

Howard Goodale.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Mrs. Harriet Fisk, board | $133 75 | —$133 | 75 |

Kimball H. Drew.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Margaret Standly, board | $ 4 00 | | |
| Thomas H. Clark | 27 00 | | |
| F. B. Rice, goods | 7 50 | | |
| B. F. Johnson, medicine | 1 50 | — $40 | 00 |

Richard Burnham.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid D. Richards & Son, supplies | $35 65 | | |
| Wm. B. Morgan, wood | 3 50 | | |
| N. P. Perkins, wood | 8 00 | —$47 | 15 |

Mary Wyatt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid W. W. Fowler, goods | $5 00 | | |
| D. Richards & Son, goods | 4 00 | — $ 9 | 00 |

Joshua Burnham, Jr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Town of Danvers, supplies | $2 00 | —$ 2 | 00 |

Sarah Wyatt, Boston.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid City of Boston, supplies | $13 88 | —$13 | 88 |

Cash paid Worcester Hospital for the Board of Rebecca A. Bryant, from March 19, 1869 to October 1, 1870.. $295 70

Cash paid for the support of L. A. Carney..... $27 88

Cash paid J. A. Putnam for support of Joanna Smith..... $78 00

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid John Riggs, lodging 45 poor travellers | | $44 25 |
| Joseph Cook, " 14 " | | 14 00 |
| Samuel Porter, cash paid " | | 50 |
| Joseph Cook " " | | 1 55 |
| N. Norcross, poor travellers | | 1 50 |
| Whole expense of Poor | | $1,502 02 |

## Fire Department.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid 10 Fire Wards for services, 1869 | $ | 30 00 |
| L. Southwick, Oil for Engine | | 38 |
| Wm. B. Morgan, damage on store at Mr. Hadley's Fire | | 50 00 |
| W. W. Fowler, refreshments at Fire | | 18 50 |
| Geo. W. Hubbard, " | | 9 68 |
| Wm. Moulton & Co., 5 ladders | | 14 00 |
| John Lummus, Teaming and Expressing | | 8 40 |
| Daniel Bradbury, Ironing Ladders | | 10 00 |
| J. Choate, Painting and Lettering Ladders | | 5 62 |
| J. Cavanaugh, teaming | | 5 00 |
| Isaac A. S. Steele, two sails | | 55 11 |
| Paid for Freight on same | | 1 00 |
| Warren Jones, journey to Gloucester | | 2 50 |
| " " repairing well curb | | 1 50 |
| Wm. E. Porter, labor on engine | | 3 75 |
| Joseph Cook, labor on Engine and setting one night after fire | | 3 00 |
| Joseph Cook, journey to Gloucester to procure sails, and expense | | 3 10 |
| | | $221 54 |

## Town House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid W. W. Fowler, goods | | 4 18 |
| John Lummus, three locks and keys | | 2 00 |
| John T. Ropes, funnel | | 32 11 |
| D. Bradbury, iron work | | 50 |
| W. Jones, repairs on steps | | 37 |
| J. Cavanaugh, teaming bricks and sand | | 6 00 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid J. Porter & Co., can and oil | | 4 80 |
| John D. Standley, work on furnace | | 8 00 |
| John Lummus, one lock | | 90 |
| " " cash for lime | | 1 60 |
| J. Choate, Jr., painting and setting glass | | 10 62 |
| E. P. Caswell, labor on furnace | | 12 25 |
| B. F. Johnson, oil | | 3 20 |
| D. M. Harris, repairs on roof | | 16 80 |
| G. M. Day, bricks for furnace | | 6 30 |
| Hubbard & Dodge, lamps and oil | | 70 |
| F. B. Rice, lamps and chimneys | | 2 56 |
| Daniel Trow, care of Town Hall | | 12 70 |
| Joseph Cook, six days labor on furnace and town house | | 12 00 |
| Joseph Cook, care of Town Hall | | 27 75 |
| John Girdler, coal | | 36 62 |
| | | $201 96 |

## Incidental Expenses.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid L. Southwick, repairs on pump | | $ 1 00 |
| A. R. Hutchinson, repairs on pump | | 3 00 |
| P. Cavanaugh, repairs on pump | | 1 00 |
| P. Cavanaugh, horse hire | | 5 00 |
| D. P. Dodge, expressing | | 6 95 |
| Foote & Horton, printing | | 68 24 |
| S. T. Plummer, selling pound land | | 2 00 |
| J. Cavanaugh, pulling up posts | | 50 |
| E. P. Caswell, labor on vault | | 3 50 |
| B. H. Conant, care of town clock | | 20 00 |
| Isaac Porter, building privy, Centre District | | 60 00 |
| J. Beckford, labor on burying ground | | 5 00 |
| J. Beckford, returning nineteen deaths | | 1 90 |
| W. Pool, labor on Common | | 1 62 |
| Joseph Cook, one day's labor taking up Common fence and setting posts | | 2 50 |
| Joseph Cook, fixing vault for privy in Centre District, tending mason, &c | | 6 50 |
| Joseph Cook, cash paid Town of Topsfield for bound stone | | 2 50 |
| D. Homan, labor setting stone posts on Common | | 1 00 |
| Joseph Cook, stationery and postage | | 2 00 |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | | 13 07 |
| | | $207 28 |

BALANCE ON REPAIRING SCHOOL HOUSES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Wm. B. Morgan, labor | | $100 00 |
| R. A. Dodge, labor | | 105 44 |
| B. S. Lunt, stoves and funnel | | 46 96 |
| | | $252 40 |

# Town Officers.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid R. F. Dodge, 14 days' service, 1869 | $28 00 | |
| N. P. Perkins, 24 " " " | 42 00— | $70 00 |
| R. F. Dodge, 8 days' service, 1870, to Sept, 1 | 23 00— | 23 00 |
| | | $93 00 |

## TOWN CLERK.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Wellington Pool, services as Clerk, and cash paid, | $27 59 | |
| " " Recording births, deaths and marriages | 11 35 | |
| Journey to Boston on account of Rebellion Record | 3 40— | $42 34 |

## COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Warren Jones, salary | $80 00 | |
| " " balance for 1869 | 15 00 | |
| " " Postage, travelling expenses, stationery, &c., as Collector and Treasurer | 9 79— | $104 79 |

## SELECTMEN.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Samuel Porter, balance of service for 1869 | $8 15— | $8 15 |
| " N. P. Perkins, 11 days' service | 27 50 | |
| " " " journeys out of town, and expense | 5 00— | 32 50 |
| " John Gentlee, 12 days' service | 30 00 | |
| " " taking acct. of scholars, dists. 1 and 2 | 3 00 | |
| " " distributing Town Reports | 2 00— | 35 00 |
| " Joseph Cook, 13 days' service | 32 50 | |
| " " taking acct. of scholars | 2 50 | |
| " " incidental service | 5 00 | |
| " " journey out of town | 1 25— | $41 25 |

ASSESSORS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid N. P. Perkins, 6 days' service | $15 00 |
| " Joseph Cook, 6 " " | 15 00 |
| " John Gentlee, 5 1-2 days' service | 13 75 |

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid N. P. Perkins, service | 2 50 |
| " John Gentlee, " | 10 00 |
| " Joseph Cook, " | 10 00 |
| " " journey out of town, and expense | 11 40 |
| " Geo. W. Parsons, service as Constable | 12 00 |
| | $446 68 |

## State Aid for 1870.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Eldred Webber | $72 00 |
| " Philip S. Young | 72 00 |
| " Angeline Beck | 96 00 |
| " Andrew Dodge, 2d, guardian | 52 00 |
| " Mary P. Merrill | 48 00 |
| " Lydia K. Dwinell | 96 00 |
| " Mary A. Henderson | 96 00 |
| | $532 00 |

## Abatements.

| | |
|---|---|
| Charles Riggs, 1868, | $2 00 |
| James P. Abbott, 1869 | 50 |
| Paul M. Barnes, " | 1 49 |
| Kimball H. Drew, " | 1 49 |
| Horace C. Norcross, " | 41 |
| George A. Oakes, " | 1 49 |
| Alfred B. Robinson " | 1 49 |
| Charles Riggs, " | 1 49 |
| Daniel Shine, " | 1 49 |
| Capt. Edmund Kimball, 1869 | 2 00 |
| Robert H. Waters, | 112 80 |
| Samuel Porter, 1870 | 37 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Ezra Dodge, 1870 | 1 00 |
| Arthur F. Merrill, " | 4 44 |
| A. R. Fisk, trustee, " | 13 32 |
| Andrew Dodge, 2d " | 1 48 |
| William Putnam, Danvers, 1870 | 1 48 |
| | $148 74 |

# Treasurer's Account.

TOWN OF WENHAM IN ACCOUNT WITH AMOS GOULD, TREASURER.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Dr. | To balance in the Treasury March 1st, 1870, | — | $916 02 |
| Cr. | By cash paid Selectmen's orders | $751 31 | |
| | " State Aid | 48 00 | |
| | " J. & A. Low, interest | 14 00 | |
| | " paid over to Warren Jones, present Treasurer | 102 71 | — $916 02 |

TOWN OF WENHAM IN ACCOUNT WITH WARREN JONES, TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Dr. | To cash received of Amos Gould, former Treasurer | $ 102 71 |
| | " balance of tax list for 1868 | 5 44 |
| | " " " 1869 | 794 74 |
| | " tax list committed to him to collect for 1870 | 7,626 71 |
| | " cash received from the Town of Beverly for support of Lydia Carney | 27 88 |
| | " cash received from State, State Aid reimbursed | 616 54 |
| | " corporation tax | 161 54 |
| | " State school fund | 148 92 |
| | " Daniel Trow, rent of Town Hall | 32 50 |
| | " Joseph Beckford, grass on cemetery | 8 00 |
| | " for old pound land | 162 50 |
| | " County Treasurer, dog tax | 73 77 |
| | " Joseph Cook, rent of Town Hall | 98 00 |
| | " Interest on taxes, 1869 | 18 93 |
| | | $9,878 18 |

WARREN JONES IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF WENHAM.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cr. | By payment of County Tax, | | $ 629 90 |
| | " Interest on the same | | 2 30 |
| | " State Tax | | 1,250 00 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cr. By payment of Interest on Town Debt | | 623 33 |
| " " temporary loans | | 41 87 |
| " Selectmen's Orders | | 6,704 88 |
| balance in Treasury | | 625 90 |
| | | $9,878 18 |

# Summary View of Town Expenses.

| | |
|---|---|
| Schools | $2,321 79 |
| Highway Wards | 674 72 |
| Extra Highway Expenses | 299 72 |
| Clearing Snow | 510 84 |
| Poor Department | 1,502 02 |
| Fire Department | 221 54 |
| Town Hall | 201 96 |
| Incidental | 207 28 |
| Balance for repairing school houses, 1869 | 252 40 |
| Town Officers | 446 68 |
| Abatements | 148 74 |
| Discount on Taxes | 184 50 |
| State Aid | 532 00 |
| State Tax | 1,250 00 |
| County Tax | 629 90 |
| Interest | 681 50 |
| | $10,065 59 |
| Amount paid out by Amos Gould | $ 813 31 |
| " " Warren Jones | 9,252 28 |
| | $10,065 59 |

# Financial Statement.

LIABILITIES.

| | |
|---|---|
| Note Newburyport Five Cent Savings Bank, | $6,000 00 |
| " Eliza Hobbs | 100 00 |
| " Mary Smith | 1,000 00 |
| " William Porter, | 800 00 |
| " J. & A. Low | 500 00 |
| " Samuel Adams | 800 00 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Note Henry Wilson | 150 00 |
| Donation of Edwin Mudge, Soldiers' Monument | 388 23 |
| One year's interest | 27 17 |
| Trustees Cemetery Fund | 475 00 |
| One year's interest | 28 50 |
| Estimat d outstanding bills | 250 00 |
| | $10,518 90 |

RESOURCES,

| | |
|---|---|
| By balance in Treasurer's hands | $625 90 |
| due from State for State aid, 1870 | 532 00 |
| previous years | 250 00 |
| | $1,407 90 |
| Balance against the Town | $9,111 00 |

JOSEPH COOK,
JOHN GENTLEE,
N. P. PERKINS,
} Selectmen of Wenham.

# Registration Statistics for 1870.

## MARRIAGES.

The number of Marriages recorded in 1870, was 5; which is 8 less than the average for the ten previous years. In each case it was the first marriage of both parties. Four couples were born of American parentage.—One couple was born of foreign parentage.

## BIRTHS.

The whole number of Births recorded in 1870, was 17, including one pair of twins. Males 8; females 9; six less than the average for the ten previous years. Born of American parentage, 14; born of foreign parentage, 2; born of mixed parentage, 1.

## DEATHS.

The whole number of Deaths recorded in 1870, was 25; males 12; females, 13; six less than the average for the ten previous years. Ten were single at the time of death; 9 were married; 4 were widows: and 2 were widowers.

AGES.

Under 1 year—6 ; 10 and under 20—3 ; 20 and under 30—2 ; 30 and under 40—1 ; 40 and under 50—1 ; 50 and under 60—1 ; 60 and under 70—5 ; 70 and under 80—4 ; 80 and under 90—2.

The oldest person who died in Wenham in 1870, was widow Hannah (Dodge) Gallop, aged 84 years, 1 month and 17 days,

Five of the deaths occurred out of town, and the remains were brought here for interment; and 8 of those who died in town, were removed to other places for interment. Eleven of the 25 were born in Wenham.—Twenty-one were born of American parentage ; 3 were born of foreign parentage; 1 was born of mixed parentage.

## POPULATION.

The population of the town by the U. S. Census, of 1870, was 986.

## DOGS.

The whole number of Dogs licensed in 1870, was 39 ; males, 36, females, 3, (15 more than in 1869) ; and from the amount received for licenses, $79 20, has been paid over to the County Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

WELLINGTON POOL Town Clerk.

# Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting, 1871.

ESSEX ss.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Wenham, County of Essex,*

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Wenham, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, on Tuesday, the seventh day of March next, at one o'clock, in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

2. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the year ensuing, and make appropriation of the same.

4. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges.

5. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to hire money to take up the notes against the town, becoming due the first of April next.

6. To see if the town will appropriate a further sum of money to improve the Records, or act anything thereon.

7. To see what action the town will take on a vote passed at a former meeting about removing the Engine House and Common Fence, or act anything thereon.

8. To act on any other business that may lawfully come before them.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Meeting Houses in said town, seven days before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this twenty-fourth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one.

JOSEPH COOK,
JOHN GENTLEE,
N. P. PERKINS,
} Selectmen of Wenham.

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# SELECTMEN

OF THE

# TOWN OF WENHAM,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEB. 16, 1872,

WITH THE

## Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

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1872.

# REPORT.

## Schools.

### EAST SCHOOL.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid K. C. Grant, teaching | $82 | 50 | |
| Mrs. Pierce, cleaning school room | 2 | 00 | |
| F. B. Rice, books | 1 | 63 | |
| Faxon & Locke, walnut shelf | 1 | 40 | |
| Will C. Wood, brackets | | 70 | |
| Thompson, Bigelow & Brown, dictionary | 8 | 55 | |
| Addison Williams, building fires | 4 | 00 | |
| John K. Dodge, wood | 18 | 00 | |
| Susie Burnham, teaching | 68 | 75 | |
| " " winter term | 82 | 50 | — $270 03 |

### NECK SCHOOL.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Mary F. Green, teaching | $330 | 00 | |
| " " " books | 2 | 15 | |
| George D. Babcock, care of school house | 4 | 50 | |
| Charles Wilkins, repairs | 2 | 00 | |
| F. B. Rice, books, labor and stock | 2 | 85 | |
| Faxon & Lock, walnut shelf | 1 | 40 | |
| Will C. Wood, brackets | | 70 | |
| Thompson, Bigelow & Brown, dictionary | 8 | 55 | |
| Esther Babcock, cleaning school room | 1 | 50 | |
| Isaac Porter, labor and stock | 5 | 75 | |
| John Lummus, teaming and lumber | 5 | 12 | |
| Andrew Dodge, wood | 19 | 00 | |
| J. Choate, Jr., labor on blackboard and setting glass | 6 | 05 | — $389 57 |

### MIDDLE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Abbie M. Fellows, teaching | $297 | 00 | |
| F B. Rice, books | 1 | 75 | |
| " " " fixtures | 18 | 15 | |
| Faxon & Lock, walnut shelf | 1 | 40 | |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Will C. Wood, brackets | | 70 | |
| Thompson, Brown & Bigelow, dictionary | | 8 55 | |
| Andrew Dodge, wood | | 19 60 | |
| Matilda Stanley, cleaning and sweeping room | | 11 50 | |
| T. Hancock & Co., tinting school room | | 11 80 | |
| Joseph Cook, shoveling gravel | | 75 | |
| D. Bradbury, irons to hold up stove pipe | | 3 75 | — $374 35 |

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid L. G. Kimball, teaching | $262 | 50 | |
| D. Dorchester, " | 60 | 00 | |
| William Haskell, " | 120 | 00 | |
| John Girdler, coal | 47 | 50 | |
| Thompson, Bigelow & Brown, dictionary | 8 | 55 | |
| Margaret Standley, cleaning school room | 6 | 38 | |
| B. F. Rice, fixtures, | 14 | 56 | |
| " " " books | 4 | 59 | |
| J. Choate, labor and stock | 6 | 25 | |
| Union Store, supplies | 2 | 24 | |
| W. C. Wood, brackets | | 70 | |
| Faxon & Locke, walnut shelf | 1 | 40 | |
| R. F. Dodge, books for teachers' use | 3 | 95 | |
| D. P. Dodge, ink | 2 | 10 | |
| Joseph Cook, making fires | 15 | 00 | — $555 72 |

## WEST SCHOOL.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Mary A. Gage, teaching | $236 | 50 | |
| " " " books | 1 | 20 | |
| John E. Tiney, preparing wood | 7 | 50 | |
| Lizzie G. Kimball, broom | | 50 | |
| Everett Cook, building fires | 4 | 00 | |
| F. B. Rice, book | 1 | 25 | |
| " " " fixtures | 7 | 84 | |
| Faxon & Locke, walnut shelf | 1 | 40 | |
| Will C. Wood, brackets | | 70 | |
| Thompson, Bigelow & Brown, dictionary | 8 | 55 | |
| Margaret Standley, cleaning room | 3 | 00 | |
| John E. Tiney, repairing buildings | 3 | 25 | |
| Union Store, broom | | 35 | |
| Joseph G. Kent, wood | 9 | 25 | |
| F. B. Rice, books and crayons, | 1 | 45 | |
| Dudley Perkins, wood | 11 | 50 | — $298 24 |

# Highways.

## WARD ONE.

GEORGE M. WILLIAMS, SURVEYOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| John K. Dodge | 12 50 | William Hull | 4 25 |
| William Higgins | 12 50 | John W. Higgins | 2 00 |
| George M. Williams | 22 75 | Timothy Higgins | 1 75 |
| Fanny Birchstead | 6 25 | Ira D. Batchelder, gravel | 1 40 |
| F. F. Birchstead | 6 25 | | |
| Elbridge G. Hawkins | 6 25 | | $75 90 |

## WARD TWO.

EZRA SWASEY, SURVEYOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ezra Swasey | 14 25 | Jacob Brown | 15 00 |
| Cyrus Tuttle | 5 00 | David White | 2 50 |
| John W. Morgan | 33 75 | John Gentlee | 22 00 |
| Herbert Woodbury | 5 00 | | |
| R. F. Dodge | 7 50 | | $105 00 |

## WARD THREE.

NICHOLAS DODGE, SURVEYOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Andrew Dodge | 24 75 | Charles Holden | 5 00 |
| Ezra Dodge | 16 00 | Nicholas Dodge | 12 50 |
| Wm. McFarland | 5 00 | Lydia Curtis | 11 00 |
| F. R. Edwards | 16 00 | George A. Dodge | 11 25 |
| William Cummings | 10 00 | Samuel R. Prince | 11 25 |
| George Babcock | 5 00 | | |
| Abraham Dodge, 2d | 5 00 | | $132 75 |

## WARD FOUR.

SIMEON DODGE, SURVEYOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Abraham Dodge | 28 25 | H. P. Abbott, use of plough | 25 |
| Stephen Dodge | 16 50 | J. Lummus, use of plough | 25 |
| Edward Standley | 11 87 | S. Prince, ox shovel | 50 |
| Simeon Dodge, Jr | 15 50 | J. Kavanagh shovel | 50 |
| Amos Gould | 1 74 | | |
| | | | $75 36 |

## WARD FIVE.

DANIEL HOMAN, SURVEYOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Thomas P. Pingree | 7 50 | J. H. Jones | 10 00 |
| J. Kavanagh | 45 70 | S. K. Evans | 7 50 |
| Philip Kavanagh | 62 20 | Henry Patch | 7 50 |
| Daniel A. Homan | 20 00 | Patrick Kavanagh | 1 25 |
| Amos Gould | 38 50 | Daniel Perkins | 21 50 |
| J. Bickford | 13 75 | Charles Dodge | 1 50 |
| Warren Jones | 12 50 | J E. Perkins | 2 50 |
| Lyman Littlefield | 47 50 | H. P. Abbott | 24 25 |
| Joseph Cook | 20 00 | Daniel Homan | 45 00 |
| Cha. W. Batchelder | 20 00 | Isaac Roberts | 2 50 |
| Henry Tarr | 46 25 | Harrison Merrill, gravel | 5 00 |
| J. L. Batchelder | 34 95 | Nancy Batchelder, gravel | 10 00 |
| F. Hadley | 29 75 | | |
| John Lummus | 24 50 | | $562 60 |

## WARD SIX.

MICHAEL BUCKLEY, SURVEYOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Charles H. Stanton | 7 00 | Augustus Standley | 5 75 |
| Charles P. White | 7 00 | Michael Buckley | 7 00 |
| Gideon Moore | 7 00 | Philip Kavanagh | 23 50 |
| E. G. Bunker | 2 50 | | $59 75 |

## WARD SEVEN.

STEPHEN COOK, SURVEYOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| S. S. Cook | 20 62 | F. A. Bagley | 7 00 |
| J. H. Cook | 2 50 | John E. Tiney | 6 25 |
| Stephen Cook | 56 80 | George W. Parsons | 14 25 |
| George A. Lane | 15 78 | Henry S. Kent | 11 25 |
| Daniel Homan | 5 00 | A. F. Bagley | 9 80 |
| N. P. Perkins | 23 20 | J. G. Kent | 9 50 |
| William Moulton | 5 95 | Charles Dodge | 8 00 |
| George W. Peabody | 13 38 | Elbridge A. Dodge | 10 00 |
| Harvey Pierce | 11 00 | | $230 28 |

## WARD EIGHT.

ELBRIDGE KIMBALL, SURVEYOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Edward L. Kimball | 14 00 | James T. Brown | 7 50 |
| John Moulton | 7 50 | Elbridge Kimball | 13 50 |
| Joseph Wezel | 7 50 | | $50 00 |

## EXTRA HIGHWAY LABOR.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Ward One, George M. Williams | $28 80 | |
| " " John K. Dodge | 12 50 | |
| " " John Gentlee | 27 30 | |
| " " Herbert Woodbury | 7 75 | |
| " " Cyrus Tuttle | 7 75 | |
| " " William Lakeman | 5 50 | |
| " " Jacob Brown | 23 25 | |
| " " B. F. Birchstead | 6 25 | |
| " " William Higgins | 15 50 | |
| Ward Two, Ezra Swasey | 3 00 | |
| Ward Three, Nicholas Dodge | 12 50 | |
| " " Samuel R. Prince | 9 60 | |
| " " George A. Dodge | 3 87 | |
| Ward Five, J. Kavanagh | 86 40 | |
| " " John Riggs | 12 50 | |
| " " Charles Dodge | 1 50 | |
| " " James L. Dodge | 1 50 | |
| " " Daniel Homan | 1 50 | |
| " " P. P. Tyrrell | 24 00 | |
| " " William Perry | 19 50 | |
| " " Daniel A. Homan | 16 50 | |
| " " Joseph Cook | 21 00 | |
| " " William Harris | 21 00 | |
| Ward Seven, N. P. Perkins | 4 50 | |
| " " S. S. Cook | 2 50 | — $375 97 |

## SNOW.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid James T. Brown, clearing snow | Ward 8 | 1 87 | | |
| Horace Abbott, | " | " 5 | 1 00 | |
| James L. Dodge, | " | " 6 | 3 00 | |
| Edmund Stillman, | " | " 1 | 75 | |
| Edward Swasey, | " | " 2 | 7 60 | |
| Nicholas Dodge, | " | " 3 | 23 25 | |
| Charles Wilkins, | " | " 3 | 4 37 | |
| Simeon Dodge | " | " 4 | 8 25 | |
| Stephen Cook, | " | " 7 | 10 98 | |
| Michael Buckley, | " | " 6 | 3 50 | — $ 64 57 |

# Poor.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Sarah Langmaid, for her support, 53 weeks | $104 00 | |
| " " " meat | 16 00 | |
| " " " medicine | 4 00 | |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid John Gentlee, wood | 24 | 50 | |
| Cyrus Tuttle, preparing wood | 8 | 50 | |
| William Lakeman, " " | 1 | 50 | |
| J. L. Robinson, medical attendance | 20 | 00 | — $178 50 |

J. Burnham.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid William Lakeman for his board | $184 | 50 | |
| John Gentlee, clothing | 10 | 35 | |
| F. B. Rice, goods | 1 | 33 | — $196 18 |

Howard Goodale.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Harriet Fisk for board 51 weeks | $153 | 00 | — $153 00 |

Kimball H. Drew.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Thomas Clark, board 19 weeks | $ 57 | 00 | |
| Joseph Cook, clothing and cash | 20 | 00 | |
| B. F. Johnson, medicine | 6 | 25 | — $ 83 25 |

Mrs. Clara Williams.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Daniel Perkins, board | $117 | 00 | |
| F. B. Rice, clothing | 7 | 54 | — $ 124 54 |

Margaret Giffords.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid John Riggs, house rent | 23 | 00 | |
| " sawing wood | 4 | 50 | |
| B. F. Johnson, medicine | 3 | 87 | |
| Samuel Porter, wood | 3 | 50 | |
| Horace P. Abbott, wood | 3 | 50 | |
| J. L. Robinson, medical attendance on J. Gifford | 10 | 00 | |
| Joseph Cook, cash paid | | 50 | |
| Union Store, goods | 3 | 00 | — $ 51 87 |

Mary Wyatt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid House of Correction, Ipswich | $ 25 | 00 | |
| John Lummus, coal | 6 | 30 | |
| Union Store, goods | 3 | 00 | — $ 34 30 |

Richard Burnham.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid D. Richards & Son, goods | $ 18 | 00 | |
| N. P. Perkins, wood | 8 | 50 | |
| J. G. Kent, wood | 8 | 75 | — $ 35 22 |

Rebekah Bryant.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Worcester Hospital, board and expense | $129 | 92 | |
| Insane Hospital, Ipswich, board " | 152 | 85 | |
| Richard Hood, expense of removing from Worcester to Ipswich | 12 | 75 | — $295 52 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid City of Lynn for fuel furnished Mrs. Abraham Williams | $ | 24 25 | |
| City of Chelsea, supplies furnished G. W. Babcock | | 12 25 | |
| City of Boston, supplies furnished Sarah Wyatt | | 22 00 | |
| Joseph Cook, lodging poor travellers and cash paid | | 15 85 | |
| John Riggs, lodging poor travellers | | 46 00 | |
| George W. Peabody, lodging poor traveller | | 1 00 | — $ 62 85 |

## Fire Department.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid William B. Morgan, journey to Boston and expense | $ | 4 80 | |
| D. Bradbury, two journeys to Boston and expense | | 10 00 | |
| S. K. Evans, journey to Bosson and distributing ladders | | 6 00 | |
| J. Kavanagh, hauling engine firemen to Beverly | | 9 00 | |
| J. Lummus, carrying firemen to Beverly | | 8 00 | |
| Philip Kavanagh, hauling engine and firemen to Beverly | | 7 00 | |
| Charles Dodge, hauling engine to Beverly | | 2 00 | |
| Elbridge Porter, watching Arbour street fire | | 1 50 | |
| Edward Barker, " " " " | | 3 25 | |
| Warren Burbee, " " " " | | 4 06 | |
| Patrick Kavanagh, " " " " | | 3 00 | |
| J. Kavanagh, " J. H. Jones " | | 2 50 | |
| John Bradstreet, hauling sails to and from J. Wezel fire | | 1 50 | |
| Charles Wilkins, labor on engine | | 2 00 | |
| J. H. Jones, " " | | 17 60 | |
| Patrick Kavanagh, " " | | 5 20 | |
| Jason Clark, " " | | 2 50 | |
| Daniel Bradbury " " | | 2 00 | |
| Union Store, refreshments at Arbour street fire | | 38 29 | |
| B. F. Johnson, " " " " | | 7 52 | |
| Union Store, " J. H. Jones " | | 12 56 | |
| William E. Porter, building ladder house | | 34 40 | |
| Union Store, nails and hinges " " | | 1 35 | |
| D. Bradbury, trimming " " | | 60 | |
| J. Choate, painting " " | | 6 00 | |
| William E. Porter, fire hook | | 3 00 | |

Cash paid Hunneman & Co., repairs on engine and suction hose..... 103 25
James Boyd & Co., 204 feet leather hose and connections..... 319 84
Engine Company, six months' services, to May 1st, 1871 ..... 100 00
M. D. Wilkins, one day's labor..... 2 50—$721 21

## Town Hall.

Cash paid William T. Trask, bricks for furnace.....$ 3 75
Congregational Society, bricks " ..... 5 50
John T. Ropes, " ..... 201 13
J. Picket, sand and lime..... 6 30
Calvin Putnam, lumber..... 43 02
J. L. Batchelder, teaming lumber..... 2 50
Isaac Porter, building steps and putting sill, &c 45 91
William E. Porter, labor and stock..... 5 99
John Lummus, teaming..... ..... 1 90
John Lummus, lime..... ..... 3 40
John T. Ropes, tinning roof and fixing gutters 483 64
Warren Jones, labor..... 25 50
Samuel Porter, cedar poles..... 4 50
Horace Abbott, hauling lumber..... 75
Henry Alley, labor..... 1 25
Hannah Hutchinson, cleaning..... 3 60
Margaret Standley, cleaning..... 14 50
William Washburn & Co., mouldings..... 3 40
T. Hancock & Co., for decorating Town Hall and tinting school room and Selectmen room, and passage ways..... 177 71
J. Choate, painting ..... ..... 153 33
E .P. Caswell, building piers, mending plastering and chimney..... 24 25
H. Clark, old bricks..... 5 00
Union Store, sundry articles..... 11 80
Union Store, oil and chimneys..... 6 67
D. Bradbury, gutter irons..... 3 70
Union Store, nails..... 5 57
J. Girdler, coal..... 49 00
Joseph Cook, 27 1-2 days labor..... 60 75
" " cash paid..... 1 50
" " care of hall..... 28 00—$1383 82

# Incidental.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid R. A. Dodge, for labor on school house, 1869 | $ 13 90 | |
| R. A. Dodge, administering oaths | 2 50 | |
| J. Meacom and J. Ober, for appraising school houses, 1869 | 10 00 | |
| William B. Morgan, labor on school houses, 1869 | 7 50 | |
| Hiram Doane, pump | 19 70 | |
| Daniel P. Dodge, expressing | 14 00 | |
| Foote & Horton, printing | 64 84 | |
| John Gentlee, two bound stones | 10 00 | |
| Warren Jones, work on pump platform | 1 00 | |
| B. H. Conant, care of town clock | 20 00 | |
| D. Bradbury, sharpening picks, and trimming hearse house doors | 1 12 | |
| Joseph Cook, 1-2 day's labor on pump | 1 00 | |
| " " cash paid for stationery and blank books | 1 00 | — $166 56 |

# Town Officers.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid R. T. Dodge, balance as services as School Committee, 1870 | $ 38 00 | |
| R. T. Dodge, services to October, 1871 | 29 25 | |
| L. G. Kimball, 1871 | 23 00 | — $ 90 25 |

## TOWN CLERK.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Wellington Poole, services | $ 20 00 | |
| Recording births, deaths, and marriages | 11 15 | |
| Journey to Danvers, stationery | 3 00 | — $ 34 15 |

## COLLECTOR AND TREASURER.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Warren Jones, treasurer, 1870 | $ 25 00 | |
| Journey out of town | 5 40 | |
| Postage and stationery | 4 84 | |
| Paying State aid | 6 00 | |
| Salary as Collector, 1871 | 80 00 | — $121 24 |

## SELECTMEN.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Joseph Cook, 14 1-2 days' services | $35 00 | |
| Taking account of scholars | 2 00 | |
| Perambulating town lines, 3 days | 7 50 | — $45 50 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid John Gentlee, 11 1-2 days' services | $28 75 | | |
| Distributing town reports | 2 00 | | |
| Taking account of scholars | 3 00 | | |
| Perambulating town lines, 3 days | 7 50 | | |
| Horse and carriage for the same | 3 00 | — | $44 25 |
| Cash paid N. P. Perkins, 11 1-2 days' services | 28 75 | | |
| Perambulating town lines, 3 days | 7 50 | — | $36 25 |

ASSESSORS.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Joseph Cook, 5 1-2 days' services | $13 75 | | |
| John Gentlee, 4 days' services | 10 00 | | |
| N. P. Perkins, 5 1-2 days' services | 13 75 | — | $37 50 |
| Cash paid G. W. Peabody, services, 1869 | $ 3 25 | | |
| " " " " 1871 | 6 00 | | |
| G. W. Parsons, " 1870 | 1 00 | — | $10 25 |

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Joseph Cook, services | $10 00 | | |
| " " Journey out of town | 8 00 | | |
| John Gentlee, services | 8 00 | | |
| N. P. Perkins, " | 5 00 | — | $31 00 |

## State Aid.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Eldred Webber | $72 00 | | |
| Philip S. Young | 72 00 | | |
| Angeline Beck | 96 00 | | |
| Andrew Dodge, two years | 48 00 | | |
| Mary P. Merrill | 48 00 | | |
| Lydia K. Dwinell | 96 00 | | |
| Mary A. Henderson | 96 00 | — | $528 00 |

## Abatements.

| | |
|---|---|
| William H. Bryant, 1869 | $2 00 |
| John Demick, 1869 | 2 00 |
| James P. Abbott, 1870 | 2 00 |
| Paul M. Barnes " | 2 00 |
| William F. Dodge " | 2 00 |
| Kimball H. Drew " | 2 00 |
| Albert E. Day " | 2 00 |
| W. W. Fowler " | 17 76 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Allen Fletcher | 1870 | 2 00 |
| A. Hutchinson | " | 2 00 |
| Moses Mildram, | " | 2 00 |
| Alford J. Merrill, | " | 2 00 |
| Hiram C. Norcross | " | 3 11 |
| Jeremiah Putman, | " | 2 00 |
| Charles E. Swasey, | " | 2 00 |
| John F. Swasey, | " | 2 00 |
| Benj. T. Swasey, | " | 2 00 |
| Heirs of Lewis Dodge | 1871 | 4 92 |
| " " Smith Galloupe | " | 13 12 |
| " " Simeon Dodge, | " | 2 00 |
| " " F. R. Edwards, | " | 1 64 |
| " " Henry Wyatt, | " | 2 46 |
| " " E. R. Road Co. | " | 4 92 |
| " " Isaac Roberts, | " | 8 20 |
| | | $88 13 |

## Town Records.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid | William P. Upham, copying and indexing first Town Record Book, | $120 65 |
| " " | William P. Upham, for binding and repairing old record, | 18 50 |
| " " | Salem Press | 16 50 |
| " " | Wellington Poole, labor and cash paid on old Records | 18 25 |
| " " | Salem Press, lettering old Records | 2 25 |
| | | $176 15 |

## Summary View of Town Expenses.

| | |
|---|---|
| Schools | $1,887 91 |
| Highways | 1,291 64 |
| Extra Highway | 375 97 |
| Poor | 1,273 76 |
| Fire Department | 721 21 |
| Town House | 1,383 82 |
| Incidental | 166 56 |
| Town Officers | 450 39 |
| State Aid | 528 00 |
| Abatements | 88 13 |
| Discount on Taxes | 209 66 |
| Snow | 64 57 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Town Records | 176 15 |
| Interest | 662 44 |
| State Tax | 1,250 00 |
| County Tax | 629 90 |
| | $11,160 11 |

TOWN OF WENHAM IN ACCOUNT WITH WARREN JONES, TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Dr. | To balance in Treasury Feb. 19, 1871, | $ 625 90 |
| | " cash received of R. A. Dodge from sale District property | 10 85 |
| | " William B. Morgan property | 3 85 |
| | " Elizabeth Robinson Note | 200 00 |
| | " T. P. Pingree Note | 1,000 00 |
| | " Daniel Homan, cemetery lot | 12 00 |
| | " cash received from State, State Aid, 1870, | 528 00 |
| | " " corporation tax | 136 63 |
| | " " National Bank tax | 629 84 |
| | " " State School fund | 133 20 |
| | " County Treasurer, dog tax | 74 85 |
| | " Town of Hamilton, bound stone | 5 00 |
| | " Interest on Taxes, 1869-'70 | 14 74 |
| | " Tax List for 1871 | 8,228 59 |
| | " J. Cook, Rent of Town Hall | 134 00 |
| | " " Old Lumber Sold | 10 90 |
| | | $11,748 35 |

WARREN JONES IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF WENHAM.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cr. | By payment of County Tax, | $629 90 |
| | " State Tax | 1,250 00 |
| | Interest on Town Notes | 662 44 |
| | Selectmen's Orders | 8,617 77 |
| | Balance in Treasury | 588 24 |
| | | $11,748 35 |

# Financial Statement.

## LIABILITIES.

| | |
|---|---|
| Note due State | $6,000 00 |
| " " Eliza Hobbs | 100 00 |
| " " Mary Smith | 1,000 00 |
| " " William Porter | 800 00 |
| " " J. & A. Lowe | 500 00 |
| " " Samuel Adams | 800 00 |
| " " Henry Wilson | 150 00 |
| " " Thomas P. Pingree | 1,000 00 |
| " " Elizabeth Robinson | 200 00 |
| " " Trustees Cemetery Fund | 475 00 |
| Interest | 28 50 |
| Donation of Edwin Mudge, monument fund | 415 40 |
| One year's interest | 29 07 |
| Estimated amount of outstanding bills | 100 00 |
| | $11,597 97 |

## RESOURCES.

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance in Treasurer's hands, | $588 24 |
| due from State Aid for 1871 | 528 00 |
| due previous years | 250 00 |
| | $1,366 24 |
| Balance against the Town | $10,231 73 |

The increase of indebtedness of the town was caused by repairs on Town House and Hall, and extra expense of the Fire Department.

JOSEPH COOK,
JOHN GENTLEE,
N. P. PERKINS,
} Selectmen of Wenham.

# Registration Statistics of the Town of Wenham, for the Year 1871.

## MARRIAGES.

The number of marriages recorded during the year, was 12, which is 7 more than last year. With 19 it was the first marriage, with 4 it was the second, and with 1 it was the third. All but one were American born. With 10 of the couples one or both of the parties were residents at the time of marriage. Two of the couples were non-residents, but were married in town, therefore recorded here.

## BIRTHS.

The number of births recorded was 19, ( 2 more than last year ; ) males 7, females 12. 15 were born of American, 3 of foreign, and 1 of mixed, parentage.

## DEATHS.

The number of deaths which occurred in town during the year, was 14, which is 7 less than last year ; males 7, females 7.

### AGES.

Under one year, 4 ; 1 and under 10, 2 ; 10 and under 20, 1 ; 20 and under 30, 2 ; 40 and under 50, 1 ; 60 and under 70, 3 ; 80 and under 90, 1.

The oldest person who died in town during the year, was widow Elizabeth ( Preston ) Gentlee, who died on the 4th of October, aged 87 years, 5 mos., and 12 days Of the 14, only 4 were born in Wenham ; 13 were of American, and 1 of foreign birth. In addition to the above, 5 were brought here for interment, from other places, 2 of whom were born in town and the parents of the others formerly resided here.

## DOGS.

The number of dogs licensed and registered, was 40, ( one more than last year ) ; males 37, females 3 ; and from the amount received for licenses, eighty-one dollars ( $81 00 ) have been paid over to the County Treasurer, as the law requires.

Respectfully submitted.

WELLINGTON POOL, Town Clerk.

# Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting, 1872.

ESSEX ss.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Wenham, County of Essex,*

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Wenham, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall on Monday, the fourth day of March next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
2. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.
3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the year ensuing, and make appropriation of the same.
4. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges.
5. To see what action the town will take to have a flag man stationed at the railroad at Lowe's Crossing.
6. To see what action the town will take on opening Perkins' lane (so called) as a public highway.
7. To see if the town will vote to move the engine house, and set the fence on the common, agreeably to vote passed at a former meeting.
8. To see what action the town will take towards paying John Bradstreet for his shoe shop, taken down to stop the spread of the fire at John H. Jones's.
9. To see if the town will accept the act passed at the last Legislature, in regard to road commissioners.
10. To act on any other business that may lawfully come before them.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Meeting Houses in said town, seven days before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this sixteenth day of February, A. D. eighteen hundred and seventy-two.

JOSEPH COOK,
JOHN GENTLEE,
N. P. PERKINS.
} Selectmen of Wenham.

# ANNUAL REPORT

— OF THE —

# SELECTMEN

OF THE

# Town of Wenham,

FOR THE

## YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1873.

WITH THE

## Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

SALEM:
PRINTED AT THE GAZETTE AND MERCURY OFFICE.
1873.

# REPORT.

## Schools.

### EAST SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Bill, Nichols & Co., 1 copy Manual of Commerce, 1871, | $ | 75 |
| P. Morrill, repairs on school house, 1871 | 4 | 83 |
| Mary E. Conant, teaching Spring term | 78 | 00 |
| Addison Williams, building fires | 4 | 00 |
| F. B. Rice, books, crayons, and ink | | 95 |
| J. Gentlee, crayon, ink, setting glass, and hinges for door, | 2 | 05 |
| Mary E. Conant, teaching fall term | 65 | 00 |
| John K. Dodge, wood | 18 | 00 |
| Union Store, supplies | 1 | 79 |
| Caroline O. Spofford, teaching in Winter term | 51 | 00 |
| Jeremiah Choate, painting black-boards | 1 | 25 |
| F. B. Rice, bottle of ink, | | 75 |
| Laura Woodbury, teaching Winter term | 39 | 00 |
| | $267 | 37 |

### NECK SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Bill, Nichols & Co., 1 copy Manual of Commerce, 1871, | $ | 75 |
| Esther Babcock, cleaning school room, 1871 | 3 | 00 |
| K. C. Grant, teaching Spring term | 90 | 00 |
| " " " book | 1 | 00 |
| " " " Making Curtains | 1 | 00 |
| George D. Babcock, building fires and care of school room, 1871 | 4 | 50 |
| F. B. Rice, curtains and fixtures | 7 | 58 |
| F. B. Rice, ink and crayons | 1 | 45 |
| Kate C. Grant, teaching Fall term | 75 | 00 |
| Andrew Dodge, wood | 18 | 00 |
| B. F. Young, hanging curtains | 2 | 00 |
| F. B. Rice, books | | 50 |
| K. C. Grant, teaching Winter term | 108 | 00 |
| Hubbard & Dodge, goods delivered N. School | | 85 |
| | $313 | 63 |

## CENTRE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Bill, Nichols & Co., 1 copy Manual of Commerce, 1871 | $ | 75 |
| Samuel A. Porter, building fires, 1871 | 4 | 00 |
| Abbie M. Fellows, teaching Spring term | 120 | 00 |
| F. B. Rice, books, crayons, ink | 4 | 30 |
| F. B. Rice, books, 1871 | 1 | 51 |
| Abbie M. Fellows, teaching Fall term | 100 | 00 |
| Andrew Dodge, wood | 2 | 00 |
| Henry Patch, wood | 21 | 00 |
| Labor on privy | 2 | 00 |
| Union Store, supplies | | 40 |
| Jeremiah Choate, setting glass | 1 | 00 |
| F. B. Rice, box of crayons | | 35 |
| Abbie M. Fellows, teaching Winter term | 120 | 00 |
| Joseph Cook, labor on stove and funnel | | 50 |
| | $377 | 81 |

## CENTRE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Bill, Nichols & Co., 1 copy Manual of Commerce, 1871 | $ | 75 |
| W. Haskell, teaching Spring term | 150 | 00 |
| F. B. Rice, books, crayons, ink, and ink wells, 1871 | 6 | 30 |
| F. B. Rice, books, crayons, and ink, 1872 | 3 | 25 |
| W. Haskell, teaching Fall term | 125 | 00 |
| John Girdler, coal | 43 | 00 |
| William E. Porter, labor on privy | 1 | 70 |
| F. B. Rice, books and crayons | 3 | 45 |
| W. Haskell, teaching Winter term | 150 | 00 |
| Joseph Cook, care of furnace | 15 | 00 |
| | $498 | 45 |

## WEST SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Bill, Nichols & Co., 1 copy Manual of Commerce | | 75 |
| Frank H. White, building fires | 3 | 74 |
| John E. Tiney, supplies for the school and repairs on school buildings | 2 | 25 |
| E. M. Stiles, teaching Spring term | 84 | 00 |
| F. B. Rice, for books | 1 | 25 |
| F. B. Rice, crayons and ink | 1 | 80 |
| Ellen M. Stiles, teaching Fall term | 70 | 00 |
| Joseph G. Kent, wood | 13 | 60 |
| Union Store, supplies | | 80 |
| N. P. Perkins, raising up rear end of school house and banking up underpinning | 5 | 08 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid Stephen Cook, do., | 1 60 |
| N. P. Perkins, cement | 60 |
| Jeremiah Choate, setting glass | 75 |
| John E. Tiney, preparing wood | 4 88 |
| John E. Tiney, repairs on school house | 1 12 |
| F. B. Rice, ink and crayons | 1 10 |
| G. W. Parsons, wood | 4 50 |
| M. A. Gage, teaching winter term | 105 00 |
| | $302 82 |

# Highways.

## WARD ONE.

GEORGE M. WILLIAMS, SURVEYOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| George M. Williams | 15 56 | Fanny Burchstead | 2 80 |
| John K. Dodge | 8 00 | George M. Williams, gravel | 4 25 |
| William Higgins | 6 20 | John K. Dodge, do, | 4 15 |
| John W. Higgins | 4 70 | | |
| Philip Morrill, Jr | 5 10 | | $50 76 |

## WARD TWO.

JOHN GENTLEE, SURVEYOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| John Gentlee | 17 00 | Herbert Woodbury | 3 80 |
| R. F. Dodge | 19 50 | William Lakeman | 4 60 |
| John W. Morgan | 19 20 | S. R. Prince, land and gravel | 5 00 |
| Jacob Brown | 15 96 | | |
| Ezra Swasey | 14 50 | | $99 56 |

## WARD THREE.

SAMUEL R. PRINCE, SURVEYOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Samuel R. Prince | 22 90 | F. R. Edwards | 11 80 |
| Mrs. Lydia Curtis | 10 00 | Charles Holden | 2 00 |
| Nicholas Dodge | 6 20 | Mrs. A. Pingree | 4 00 |
| F. M. Dodge | 12 00 | George Babcock | 4 00 |
| Andrew Dodge | 12 80 | | |
| Ezra Dodge | 13 30 | | $112 90 |
| George A. Dodge | 14 80 | | |

## WARD FOUR.

HENRY ALLEY, SURVEYOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Henry Alley | 40 | Jeremiah Kavanagh | 30 00 |
| Simeon Dodge | 2 00 | | |
| | | | $32 40 |

## WARD FIVE.

JEREMIAH KAVANAGH, SURVEYOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jeremiah Kavanagh | 150 89 | Amos Gould | 15 48 |
| Henry Tarr | 11 00 | Willie Hutchinson | 1 00 |
| J. L. Batchelder | 5 00 | H. P. Abbott | 4 00 |
| Mrs. Nancy Batchelder | 10 00 | Heirs of John Porter | 1 60 |
| Dennis Harrigan | 12 00 | Lyman Littlefeld | 12 40 |
| Franklin Hadley | 4 00 | Charles Dodge | 8 40 |
| John Lummus | 4 00 | | |
| A. Webber | 8 00 | | $253 77 |
| Joseph Cook | 6 00 | | |

## WARD SIX.

SAMUEL PORTER, SURVEYOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Samuel Porter | 5 45 | James L. Dodge | 2 00 |
| Charles Dodge | 12 75 | Samuel Porter, gravel | 3 00 |
| Solomon Caves | 3 00 | | |
| William Hall | 1 60 | | $30 80 |
| Joseph Cook | 3 00 | | |

## WARD SEVEN.

STEPHEN COOK, SURVEYOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Stephen Cook | 26 80 | Estate of A. F. Bagley | 11 20 |
| George A. Lane | 7 60 | Charles Dodge | 5 00 |
| Harvey Pierce | 6 00 | C. H. Pierce | 1 00 |
| N. P. Perkins | 15 60 | Otis Alley | 2 00 |
| William Moulton | 12 00 | Harvey S. Cook | 4 80 |
| Joseph G. Kent | 14 40 | Michael Sullivan, gravel | 3 00 |
| Samuel S. Cook | 19 00 | | |
| John H. Cook | 5 80 | | $134 20 |

## WARD EIGHT.

EDWARD L. KIMBALL, SURVEYOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Edward L. Kimball | 9 80 | Joseph Wesel | 7 00 |
| Elbridge Kimball | 10 80 | | |
| Daniel A. Warner | 7 40 | | $35 00 |

## EXTRA HIGHWAY.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid Ivory Day, Ward 1 | $ 2 50 |
| S. R. Prince, Ward 3 | 17 50 |
| F. R. Edwards, Ward 3 | 2 00 |
| F. R. Edwards, gravel, Ward 4 | 1 50 |
| J. Kavanagh, Ward 5 | 10 80 |
| Joseph Bickford, Ward 5 | 50 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid Henry Tarr, two loads of stone for bridge | 1 50 |
| Stephen Cook, labor, Ward 7 | 5 20 |
| N. P. Perkins, labor, Ward 7 | 10 28 |
| G. W. Parsons, labor, Ward 7 | 11 21 |
| Edward Kimball, labor on Bomer Hill, Ward 8 | 21 60 |
| John Gentlee, plank Pingree Bridge | 12 70 |
| Warren Jones, labor | 1 25 |
| Joseph Cook, labor on bridge, and procuring lumber and viewing roads | 4 00 |
| | $102 54 |

SNOW.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid George M. Williams, Ward 1 | $ 3 00 |
| John Gentlee, Ward 2 | 18 00 |
| S. R. Prince, Ward 3 | 27 50 |
| Henry Alley, Ward 4 | 13 30 |
| J. Kavanagh, Ward 5 | 27 64 |
| Samuel Porter, Ward 6 | 3 40 |
| Stephen Cook, Ward 7 | 40 58 |
| Edward Kimball, Ward 8 | 6 60 |
| Daniel Homan, Ward 5 | 8 50 |
| | $148 52 |

# Poor.

MRS. CLARA WILLIAMS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid Daniel Perkins, board for | $ 87 75 |
| J. H. Allen, coffin and robe | 10 50 |
| F. B. Rice, goods | 3 98 |
| J. Beckford, funeral attendance | 4 00 |
| Joseph Cook, journey to Salem to procure coffin | 2 00 |
| | $108 23 |

JOSHUA BURNHAM.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid William Lakeman, board | $196 00 |
| F. B. Rice, goods | 5 26 |
| Mrs. Lakeman, making pants | 1 00 |
| | $202 26 |

HOWARD GOODALE.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid Harriet Fisk, board | $156 00 |

MRS. MARGARET GIFFORD.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid John Riggs, house rent | $ 23 | 00 |
| John Riggs, sawing wood | 4 | 50 |
| John Riggs, attendance | 3 | 00 |
| J. L. Robinson, medical attendance | 17 | 00 |
| Franklin Hadley, wood, 1871 | 4 | 00 |
| H. P. Abbott, wood | 3 | 50 |
| Henry Patch, wood | 3 | 50 |
| George W. Parsons, wood | 4 | 37 |
| Union Store, goods | 26 | 79 |
| F. B. Rice, goods | 2 | 60 |
| B. F. Johnson, medicine | 10 | 47 |
| Joseph Cook, cash | 3 | 00 |
| | $105 | 73 |
| Cash paid Essex County Receptacle for Insane, board of Rebecca Bryant | 50 | 57 |
| City of Lynn, supplies for Mrs. A. Williams | 9 | 50 |
| City of Boston, supplies for Sarah Wyatt | 21 | 62 |
| City of Boston, funeral expenses of Samuel Wyatt | 10 | 00 |
| City of Salem, board and nursing R Smith | 205 | 00 |
| J. A. Putnam, supplies Mrs. J. Smith, 1871 | 59 | 00 |

RICHARD BURNHAM.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid D. Richards & Son, supplies | $ 36 | 00 |
| N. P. Perkins, supplies | 3 | 00 |
| N. P. Perkins, wood | 4 | 00 |
| William Moulton, wood | 4 | 00 |
| Samuel S. Cook, wood | 8 | 00 |
| George W. Parsons, wood | 6 | 00 |
| | $61 | 00 |
| Cash paid John Riggs, lodging poor travellers | $ 35 | 00 |
| Joseph Cook, lodging poor travellers | 27 | 50 |
| G. W. Peabody | 1 | 00 |
| Joseph Cook, cash paid | 3 | 50 |
| | $67 | 00 |

# Fire Department.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid John Bradstreet, shoe shop taken down to prevent the spread of the fire at the burning of J. H. Jones's buildings | $100 | 00 |
| E. A. Monies, labor on engine, 1871 | 2 | 50 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid Edward F. White, watching fire at Mrs. Goodall's | 1 25 |
| Jeremiah Kavanagh, hauling engine to Lowes' and Mrs. Goodall's fire | 3 00 |
| William E. Porter, watching fire at J. & A. Lowe's | 2 50 |
| William E. Porter, labor on engine and hose | 2 50 |
| S. K. Evans, labor on engine and sails | 3 00 |
| S. K. Evans, hauling engine to Waters fire | 1 00 |
| S. K. Evans, cash paid William E. Porter | 75 |
| Jason Clark, repairs on engine | 2 50 |
| Thirty-three men, services as firemen for the year ending May 1st, 1872 | 165 00 |
| Joseph Cook, labor on engine | 1 00 |
| | $285 00 |

## Town House and Hall.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid H. P. Lovering, timber, 1871 | $ 4 60 |
| Union Store supplies | 7 11 |
| John Girdler, coal | 40 00 |
| Jeremiah Choate, setting glass | 4 07 |
| Union Store supplies | 4 88 |
| Joseph Cook, labor on furnace and funnel | 2 00 |
| Joseph Cook, care of Town Hall | 37 25 |
| Daniel Homan, 3 days on Town House, 1871 | 7 50 |
| | $107 41 |

## Incidental.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid Foote & Horton, printing | $61 34 |
| Union Store, stationery | 75 |
| Salem Press, binding and repairing Town Records | 7 50 |
| Daniel P. Dodge, expressing | 6 20 |
| B. H. Conant, care of clock | 20 00 |
| Union Store, postage and stationery | 66 |
| Joseph Beckford, labor on burying ground | 1 00 |
| " damage on A. Dodge tombstone | 12 00 |
| " returning deaths to Town Clerk | 1 30 |
| Joseph Cook, labor on Cemetery | 4 00 |
| Adarial H. Hodgeton, 1 day | 2 00 |
| John Lummus, horse hire and expressing | 5 65 |
| Daniel Homan, labor on Common fence, 1871 | 2 50 |
| | $124 90 |

# Town Officers.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid John E. Tiney, services as school committee, 1871 | $11 00 | | |
| R. F. Dodge, services, 1871 | 32 25 | —$ | 43 25 |
| Cash paid Willington Poole, services as Town Clerk | $20 00 | | |
| Recording births, deaths, and marriages | 13 15 | | |
| Work on old records, journeys out of town and stationery | 6 80 | —$ | 39 95 |
| Cash paid Warren Jones, services as treasurer, 1871 | $25 00 | | |
| Paying State Aid | 6 00 | | |
| Journeys out of Town | 13 90 | | |
| Postage and stationery | 4 79 | | |
| Salary as Collector, 1872 | 80 00 | —$ | 129 69 |

SELECTMEN.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Joseph Cook, 15 1-2 days services | $31 00 | | |
| Incidental " | 10 00 | —$ | 41 00 |
| Cash paid John Gentlee, 12 days services | $24 00 | | |
| Use of horse | 8 00 | | |
| Taking account of scholars | 3 00 | —$ | 35 00 |
| Cash paid N. P. Perkins, 15 days services | $30 00 | —$ | 30 00 |

ASSESSORS.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Joseph Cook, 6 days services | $15 00 | | |
| John Gentlee, 4 " | 10 00 | | |
| N. P. Perkins, 5 1-2 days services | 13 75 | —$ | 38 75 |

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Joseph Cook, services | $10 00 | | |
| John Gentlee, " | 8 00 | | |
| N. P. Perkins, " | 8 00 | —$ | 26 00 |
| Cash paid G. W. Peabody, services as constable, 1871 | 3 00 | | |
| George W. Parsons, constable, 1872 | 2 00 | | |
| Serving dog warrant | 3 00 | —$ | 8 00 |
| Total | | $ | 391 64 |

# State Aid Paid.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Eldred Webber | $72 00 | | |
| Philip S. Young | 72 00 | | |
| Angeline Beck | 96 00 | | |
| Andrew Dodge 2d, Guard | 48 00 | | |
| Mary P. Merrill | 48 00 | | |
| Lydia K. Dwinell | 96 00 | | |
| Mary A. Henderson | 96 00 | | |
| | | $ | 528 00 |

# Abatements, 1871.

| | |
|---|---|
| James P. Abbott | $ 2 00 |
| Albert E. Day | 2 00 |
| Andross H. Dodge | 2 00 |
| William F. Dodge, not liable | 2 00 |
| Henry C. Peabody " | 2 00 |
| George A. Stanton " | 2 00 |
| Charles E. Wyatt " | 2 00 |
| John Peabody | 2 00 |
| Philip Kavanagh | 6 10 |

1872.

| | |
|---|---|
| Amos Burnham | 2 31 |
| Thomas P. Pingree, trustee | 31 35 |
| R. H. Waters, " | 56 62 |
| John P. Conant | 99 |
| | $113 37 |

# Summary View of Town Expenses.

| | |
|---|---|
| Schools | $1760 08 |
| Highways | 749 39 |
| Extra Highways | 102 54 |
| Poor | 1055 91 |
| Fire department | 285 00 |
| Town House and Hall | 107 41 |
| Incidental | 124 90 |
| Town Officers | 391 64 |
| State Aid | 528 00 |
| Abatements | 113 37 |
| Snow | 148 52 |
| Interest | 759 16 |
| State Tax | 780 00 |
| County Tax | 535 80 |
| | $7441 72 |

TOWN OF WENHAM IN ACCOUNT WITH WARREN JONES, TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Dr. | To balance in Treasury Feb. 16, 1872 | $ 588 24 |
| | " tax list for 1872 committed to him to collect | 7567 23 |
| | " addition to tax list | 15 24 |
| | " received from County Treasurer dog tax refunded | 74 83 |
| | " From State School fund | 132 24 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Dr. | To State Corporation tax | 133 45 |
| | " " State aid refunded | 528 00 |
| | " Warren Jones, interest on taxes, 1871 | 11 84 |
| | " William Peabody, cemetery lot | 10 25 |
| | " J. & A. Lowe Note | 400 00 |
| | " Salem Five Cents Saving Bank | 1500 00 |
| | " Joseph Cook, rent of Town Hall | 113 00 |
| | | $11,074 32 |

TOWN OF WENHAM IN ACCOUNT WITH WARREN JONES, TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cr. | By payment of State tax | $ 780 00 |
| | " County tax | 535 80 |
| | " Interest on town debt and temporary loans | 759 16 |
| | " Payment of T. P. Pingree's note | 1000 00 |
| | " " of William Porter's note | 800 00 |
| | " Selectmen's orders | 5366 76 |
| | Balance in the Treasury of cash and uncollected taxes. | 1832 60 |
| | | $11,074 32 |

# Financial Statement of the Town.

| | |
|---|---|
| Note due the State of Mass | $6000 00 |
| " Eliza Hobbs | 100 00 |
| " Mary Smith | 1000 00 |
| " J. & A. Lowe | 900 00 |
| " Samuel Adams | 800 00 |
| " Abel D. Brown | 150 00 |
| " Elizabeth Robinson | 200 00 |
| " Salem Five cents Saving Bank | 1500 00 |
| " Trustees Cemetery fund | 475 00 |
| " Interest on the same | 52 00 |
| " Donation of Edwin Mudge, Soldiers' Monument fund | 444 47 |
| One year's interest on the same | 31 11 |
| Estimate of outstanding bills | 100 00 |
| | $11,752 58 |

RESOURCES.

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance in Treasury | $1832 60 |
| Due from State, State Aid, 1872 | 528 00 |
| Previous years | 250 00 |
| | $2610 60 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance against the Town | $ 9141 98 |
| Balance against the town last year | 10,231 73 |
| Reduction of the town debt | $1089 75 |
| Of the above amount $300 dollars was appropriated for Receiving Tomb, leaving the actual reduction | $789 75 |

JOSEPH COOK,
JOHN GENTLEE,
N. P. PERKINS,
} Selectmen of Wenham.

# Registration Statistics of the Town of Wenham, for the Year 1872.

PREPARED BY WELLINGTON POOL, TOWN CLERK.

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## BIRTHS.

The number of births was 25, including one pair of twins ; 12 males and 13 females : 18 were born of American, 2 of foreign, and 5 of mixed parentage.

## DEATHS.

The number of deaths which occurred in town during the year was 12—5 males and 7 females. All were American born,—six were born in Wenham.

### AGES.

Under one year, 4 ; between 20 and 30, 1 ; between 50 and 60, 4 ; between 70 and 80, 2 ; between 80 and 90, 1.

In addition to the above, five were brought here for interment from other places, all of whom formerly resided here.

## DOGS.

The number of dogs licensed was 40, and from the amount received for licenses the sum of eighty-one dollars was paid over to the County Treasurer in conformity to the requirements of the law. The proportion received back again by the town is seventy-four dollars and eighty-three cents, ($74.83.)

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*To either of the Constables of the Town of Wenham, County of Essex.*

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Wenham, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, on Monday. the third day of March next, at nine o'clock A. M., then and there to act on the following articles, viz :—

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5. To see if the town will vote to accept the act passed 1869 by the Legislature, called the betterment act.

6. To see what action the town will take on the petition of Isaac Porter and others to open Perkins lane, (so called), as a public highway.

7. To see what action the town will take on the petition of Isaac Roberts and others. To see if the town will do as they agreed in regard to moving the Engine House and setting the Common Fence.

8. To act on any other business that may lawfully come before them.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Meeting Houses in said town, seven days before the time of holding said meeting.

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# ANNUAL REPORT

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SALEM. MASS:
GAZETTE STEAM BOOK AND JOB PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.
1874.

# REPORT.

## Schools.

### EAST SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid E. D. Stillman, making fires | $ | 4 00 |
| Etta Patch, teaching spring term | | 78 00 |
| " " fall " | | 65 00 |
| " " winter " | | 90 00 |
| John Gentlee, setting glass | | 50 |
| John K. Dodge, wood | | 18 00 |
| George Morgan, books, ink, and crayons | | 5 03 |
| | $260 | 53 |

### NECK SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid N. E. Babcock, making fires and care of school room | $ | 4 50 |
| Charles Wilkins, repairs | | 2 35 |
| Kate C. Grant, teaching, spring term | | 108 00 |
| " " fall " | | 90 00 |
| " " winter " | | 120 00 |
| George E. Morgan, books, ink and crayons | | 2 28 |
| Mrs. Babcock, cleaning school room, and chalk | | 3 35 |
| Andrew Dodge, wood | | 22 25 |
| W. C. U. Store, broom and pail | | 75 |
| J. Choate, setting glass and painting blackboard | | 1 87 |
| A. S. Barnes & Co., history for desk | | 90 |
| | $356 | 25 |

### CENTRE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid S. A. Porter, making fires | $ | 3 00 |
| H. P. Abbott, wood | | 10 50 |
| Kate S. Patterson, teaching, spring term | | 105 00 |
| " " fall " | | 87 50 |
| " " winter " | | 105 00 |
| George E. Morgan, books, ink and crayons | | 4 04 |
| | $315 | 04 |

### CENTRE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid William Haskell, ink | $ 62 |
| Abbie M. Fellows, teaching spring term | 150 00 |
| " " fall " | 125 00 |
| " " winter " | 150 00 |
| George E. Morgan, books, ink and crayons | 5 15 |
| W. C. C. U. Store, brooms, pails, &c | 1 20 |
| John Girdler, coal | 50 00 |
| J. Choate, setting glass | 1 70 |
| R. A. Dodge, repairs | 1 25 |
| Joseph Cook care of fire and school room | 15 00 |
| | $499 92 |

### WEST SCHOOL.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid M. A. Gage, teaching spring term | $108 00 |
| " paid for making fires | 3 00 |
| John E. Tiney, repairs on school house | 2 00 |
| Mary A. Gage, teaching fall term | 90 00 |
| W. C. U. Store, brooms and water pail | 1 15 |
| G. W. Parsons, wood | 16 75 |
| M. A. Gage, teaching, winter term | 48 00 |
| Emma Dodge " " | 49 00 |
| George E. Morgan, books, ink and crayons | 1 75 |
| | $319 65 |

# Highways.

### WARD ONE.

WILLIAM HIGGINS, SURVEYOR.

| | Highway. | | Snow. |
|---|---|---|---|
| William Higgins | $18 00 | 1874 | $12 10 |
| John K. Dodge | 10 66 | | |
| George M. Williams | 4 50 | 1873 | 18 48 |
| John W. Higgins | 2 00 | | |
| Timothy Higgins | 2 00 | | |
| William Beck | 2 00 | | |
| Benj. Birchstead | 2 00 | | |
| Mrs. Fanny Birchstead | 2 00 | | |
| Ivory Day | 2 00 | | |
| Mrs. Fanny Wyatt | 2 00 | | |
| Total | $47 16 | | $30 58 |

## WARD TWO.

R. F. Dodge, Surveyor.

| | Highway. | Snow. |
|---|---|---|
| R. F. Dodge | $46 70 | $ 9 10 |
| Jacob Brown | 22 00 | 22 11 |
| David White | 1 00 | 3 62 |
| William Lakeman | 8 60 | 20 05 |
| Cyrus Tuttle | 4 00 | 13 77 |
| John Gentlee | 14 10 | 26 20 |
| Ezra Swasey | | 29 94 |
| Total | $96 40 | $124 79 |

## WARD THREE.

Charles Wilkins, Surveyor.

| | Highway. | Snow. |
|---|---|---|
| Charles Wilkins | $ 9 20 | |
| Andrew Dodge | 15 68 | $70 15 |
| Heirs of Ezra Dodge | 13 76 | 31 62 |
| F. R. Edwards | 12 16 | 53 87 |
| Charles Kilham | 12 16 | 22 15 |
| S. R. Prince | 11 00 | 24 15 |
| George A. Dodge | 10 80 | 21 67½ |
| Mrs. A. Pingree | 9 20 | 4 12½ |
| Mrs. L. Curtis | 7 60 | 2 12½ |
| H. N. Norcross | 3 80 | 9 24 |
| J. C. Dodge | 3 80 | |
| Nicholas Dodge | 1 60 | 23 60 |
| Abraham Dodge 2d | 3 80 | |
| Jacob E. Dodge | | 3 62½ |
| Frederick Lovejoy | | 15 50 |
| G. Babcock | | 20 25 |
| G. D. Babcock | | 5 55 |
| B. L. Spiller | | 2 20 |
| John P. Conant | | 20 67½ |
| Benjamin Needham | | 30 05 |
| William G. Pingree | | 2 00 |
| A. D. Trowt | | 3 37½ |
| Charles E. Riva | | 5 75 |
| William Lakeman | | 80 |
| Cyrus Tuttle | | 80 |
| Total | $114 56 | $373 28 |

## WARD FOUR.

TIMOTHY P. DODGE, SURVEYOR.

| | Highway. | Snow. |
|---|---|---|
| Joseph D. Marshall | $ 6 60 | $ 4 38 |
| E. Broughton | 3 00 | |
| A. Dodge | 8 80 | 16 28 |
| William P. Dodge | 4 00 | 16 21 |
| Simeon Dodge, Jr | 9 30 | 6 13 |
| William B Dodge | 6 60 | 1 13 |
| A. Lowe | 2 60 | 5 20 |
| J. P. Dodge | 3 00 | |
| Dennis Harrigan | 2 00 | 2 78 |
| T. P. Dodge | 4 60 | 18 63 |
| Stephen Dodge | | 25 86 |
| Walter Standley | | 5 88 |
| Martin Kavanagh | | 1 13 |
| Michael Sullivan | | 4 83 |
| Henry Alley | | 6 55 |
| Isaac Porter | | 4 10 |
| Charles Wilkins | | 4 80 |
| John Riggs | | 3 10 |
| George Dodge, Jr | | 70 |
| Error on snow bill last March | | 4 25 |
| Old snow bill, under Ira B. Dodge | | 3 30 |
| Total | $50 50 | $135 24 |

## WARD FIVE.

LYMAN LITTLEFIELD, SURVEYOR.

| | Highway. | Snow. |
|---|---|---|
| Lyman Littlefield | $81 20 | $22 47 |
| H. P. Abbott | 22 00 | 9 97 |
| J. Kavanagh | 22 60 | 28 37 |
| J. Lummus | 15 40 | 11 51 |
| Patrick Kavanagh | 4 40 | |
| Frank Tarrico | 8 00 | |
| Daniel Perkins | 13 20 | 8 12 |
| A. H. Hodgeton | 4 00 | 12 92 |
| E. Gould | 25 00 | 5 75 |
| M. Woodman | 8 40 | |
| Amos Gould | 6 40 | |
| Joseph Woodman | 2 00 | 62 |
| J. L. Batchelder | 4 40 | 6 02 |
| William Perry | 2 00 | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| H. Perkins, gravel | 8 75 | |
| A. Hutchinson | 8 00 | 3 25 |
| Martin Kavanagh | | 8 07 |
| Franklin Hadley | | 5 47 |
| I. A. Dodge | | 2 65 |
| H. H. Dempsey | | 1 87 |
| Michael Sullivan | | 1 87 |
| Willie Hutchinson | | 2 00 |
| Ira Kimball | | 62 |
| Henry Torr | | 4 90 |
| James F. Perkins | | 2 60 |
| Edward F. Hobbs | | 70 |
| Frank Batchelder | | 2 60 |
| Elbridge Porter | | 1 20 |
| George Porter | | 60 |
| Warren Jones | | 1 80 |
| Joseph Cook | | 1 60 |
| G. Taylor | | 1 87 |
| James Wilson | | 62 |
| H. Clark | | 62 |
| E. P. Caswell | | 37 |
| Total | $235 75 | $150 63 |

## WARD SIX.

JOSEPH DAY, SURVEYOR.

| | Highway. | Snow. |
|---|---|---|
| Joseph Day | $ 5 60 | $ 6 65 |
| Charles Dodge | 17 32 | 4 85 |
| John Lummus | 3 30 | |
| James L. Dodge | 5 00 | |
| Daniel A. Homan | 5 00 | 2 35 |
| Frank Tarica | 5 00 | |
| Joseph Cook | 5 00 | 4 35 |
| Samuel Porter | 1 00 | 3 30 |
| Daniel Homan | | 3 10 |
| John Webber | | 50 |
| William Hall | | 1 00 |
| Solomon Caves | | 3 25 |
| Warren Jones | | 4 50 |
| Augustus Pickard | | 2 15 |
| Charles Dudley | | 1 35 |
| Gideon Moore | | 60 |
| Total | $47 22 | $37 95 |

## WARD SEVEN.

STEPHEN COOK, SURVEYOR.

| | Highway. | Snow. |
|---|---|---|
| Stephen Cook | $20 60 | $52 38 |
| George A. Lane | 13 40 | 31 00 |
| Harvey Pierce | 5 00 | 14 75 |
| Joseph G. Kent | 16 00 | 14 20 |
| J. H. Cook | 5 00 | |
| S. S. Cook | 15 00 | 40 46 |
| James W. Clark | 6 40 | |
| William Webber | 6 00 | 10 79 |
| G. W. Parsons | 13 23 | |
| William Moulton | 5 40 | 17 20 |
| Charles Dodge | 8 40 | 8 82 |
| Elbridge A. Dodge, | 8 80 | 8 31 |
| Samuel Porter | 40 | |
| John Flint, gravel | 5 00 | 63 |
| G. W. Peabody | | 48 64 |
| Joseph F. Kent | | 21 80 |
| W. B. Morgan | | 10 62 |
| N. P. Perkins | | 8 90 |
| W. Burpee | | 1 13 |
| John King | | 1 20 |
| George Bagley | | 93 |
| John Webber | | 87 |
| A. Patch | | 25 |
| Total | $128 63 | $292 95 |

## WARD EIGHT.

EDWARD L. KIMBALL, SURVEYOR.

| | Highway. | Snow. |
|---|---|---|
| Edward L. Kimball | $11 40 | $ 8 15 |
| Elbridge Kimball | 11 00 | 10 34 |
| John Wesel | 6 40 | 8 15 |
| James T. Brown | 10 80 | 14 72 |
| Thomas Clark | | 10 34 |
| Daniel Warner | | 40 |
| Warren Burpee | | 3 25 |
| Charles Kimball | | 1 25 |
| Total | $39 60 | $56 60 |

EXTRA HIGHWAY.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Andrew Dodge, plank and repairing bridge..... | $ | 2 00 |
| Edward L. Kimball, labor on bridge..... | | 8 00 |
| John Gentlee, labor and material, railing highway. | | 13 70 |
| G. W. Parsons, error in highway, 1872..... | | |

# Poor.

JOHN KING.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid George W. Peabody for board..... | 14 86 |
| Harvey S. Cook, pair of shoes..... | 2 00 |
| Passage money and other expense to Ireland.. ... | 55 30 |
| | $72 16 |

JOSHUA BURNHAM, JR.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid George E. Morgan, medicine..... ..... | 40 |
| L. Merrill & Son, " ..... | 75 |
| House Correction, board..... | 17 57 |
| Town of Peabody, for board..... | 60 25 |
| | $78 97 |

RICHARD BURNHAM.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid Joseph Kent, wood..... ..... ..... | 4 00 |
| William Moulton, wood..... | 7 50 |
| D. Richards & Son, goods..... | 57 00 |
| | $68 50 |

MRS. MARGARET GIFFORD.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid John Riggs, house rent..... | 23 00 |
| " wood..... | 3 50 |
| " sawing, splitting wood..... ... | 7 50 |
| " attendance..... | 7 50 |
| Solomon Caves, wood..... | 4 00 |
| A. H. Hodgton, stove and funnel... ..... | 6 75 |
| John T. Ropes, " ..... | 1 00 |
| Union Store, supplies..... | 37 00 |
| B. F. Johnson, medicine..... | 11 15 |
| George E. Morgan, " ..... | 13 05 |
| | $114 45 |

JOSHUA BURNHAM.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid William Lakeman, board and extra expenses of sickness and burial | 97 00 |
| John Gentlee, clothing and supplies | 6 66 |
| " journey to Beverly to procure coffin | 2 00 |
| Nicholas Dodge, services rendered at funeral | 2 00 |
| Lee & Cressey, coffin and robe | 13 00 |
| Joseph Beckford, sexton fees | 4 00 |
| | $124 66 |

MRS. J. SMITH.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid J. A. Putnam. supplies, 1872 | 52 00 |
| " " and funeral expenses of her daughter, 1873 | 51 00 |
| | $103 00 |

HOWARD GOODALE.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid Mrs. Harriet Fisk, board Howard Goodale | 156 00 |
| City of Salem, board and nursing R. Smith | 149 00 |
| City of Lynn, supplies to Mrs. A. Williams | 16 00 |
| City of Boston, supples to Mrs. Sarah Wyatt | 33 56 |
| City of Chelsea, supplies to George Babcock | 16 35 |
| | $370 91 |

POOR TRAVELLERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid G. W. Peabody, lodging 9 poor travellers | 9 00 |
| " meals furnished one | 50 |
| Joseph Cook, lodging 34 poor travellers | 26 25 |
| " cash paid 68 poor travellers | 19 13 |
| John Riggs, lodging 101 poor travellers | 75 75 |
| | $130 63 |

# Incidentals.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid Ames Plow company, wheel | $ 2 50 |
| Charles K. Darling, order book | 11 00 |
| John Lummus, horse hire and expressing | 4 15 |
| Wm. A. Brown, surveying new road drawing plan | 6 00 |
| B. S. Lunt, stove and funnel, Neck school | 19 69 |
| George Roundy, lumber for privy, East school | 13 83 |
| John Gentlee, lumber and labor on privy | 11 20 |
| Salem Press, binding valuation list from 1860 to '70 | 6 00 |
| Foote & Horton, printing | 55 79 |

| | |
|---|---|
| John Gentlee, services as committee on new road | 3 75 |
| F. W. Merrill, " " | 3 00 |
| Samuel Porter, " " | 4 00 |
| Wellington Poole, making and mending cemetery plan | 5 75 |
| Wellington Poole, journey to Salem on account valuation list | 1 00 |
| Daniel P. Dodge, expressing, cash paid | 8 30 |
| Henry Hobbs, horse and wagon to Ipswich | 2 00 |
| Union Store, stationery for selectmen | 1 68 |
| Wellington Poole, stationery for Town Clerk | 90 |
| J. Choate, painting cemetery gates | 2 90 |
| Salem Press, town record book | 13 00 |
| R. A. Dodge, acknowledging deeds, oaths | 4 00 |
| J. Choate, painting and lettering guide boards | 6 25 |
| A. Hutchinson, clearing out well, fixing platform to pump | 3 00 |
| G. W. Parsons, two journeys to Beverly to carry poor traveller | 3 00 |
| G. W. Parsons, cash John Webber for assistance | 1 00 |
| Joseph Beckford, returning deaths to Town clerk. | 2 25 |
| Joseph Cook, " " | 1 25 |
| S. Flint, cement pipe and expressing | 1 80 |
| Joseph Cook, team labor and gravel at the town pump and school house | 1 15 |
| | $200 14 |

# Town House and Hall.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid John T. Ropes, repairs on furnace and roof | $9 00 |
| Union Store, supplies | 4 41 |
| Joseph Cook, lamp chimneys | 75 |
| J. Choate, setting glass | 3 92 |
| " painting roof | 25 00 |
| Jason Clark, putting up shelf, town room | 50 |
| John Girdler, coal | 46 49 |
| Joseph Cook, taking down funnel and cleaning out furnace | 1 50 |
| Joseph Cook, care of Town Hall | 25 50 |
| | $117 07 |

# Fire Department.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid Abbott Johnson, labor on engine | $5 00 |
| Charles H. Shattuck " | 6 00 |
| J. Choate, paint and labor on engine | 75 |
| " setting glass, engine house | 2 00 |
| Henry Hobbs, oil and repairs on engine | 7 20 |
| J. H. Jones, labor on engine, 1872 | 8 20 |
| J. Kavanagh, " and sails, 1872 | 5 00 |
| " hauling engine to Danvers Centre | 6 00 |
| " " from pond | 1 50 |
| Jason Clark, engine brake | 4 50 |
| J. L, Batchelder, expense and labor entertaining fireman | 5 00 |
| Marshall & Moulton, hose to Beverly | 2 00 |
| W. C. U. store, refreshments at fire at the ice houses | 41 46 |
| Firemen services at the burning of the ice houses | 102 65 |
| | $197 26 |

# Receiving Tomb.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid Samuel Lowe. bricks | $81 00 |
| John Lummus, teaming | 12 00 |
| George Fowler, & Co., slating roof | 37 98 |
| James S. Butler, stone sills | 20 00 |
| Joseph L. Batchelder, teaming stones and water | 7 25 |
| John Pickett, sand, lime, and cement | 12 24 |
| L. Southwick, teaming | 11 75 |
| Calvin Putnam, lumber | 36 30 |
| William E. Porter, labor and stock | 31 72 |
| Warren Jones, labor | 6 00 |
| Joseph Cook, labor and cash paid | 27 80 |
| Eben P. Caswell, mason work | 39 37 |
| J. Choate, painting and stock | 9 37 |
| Henry Tarr, labor and stock | 1 00 |
| | $333 78 |

# Town Officers.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid John Gentlee, services as School Committee, 1872, | $25 00 |
| N. P. Perkins, 16 days " " " | 32 00 |
| N. P. Perkins, horse and carriage | 5 00 |
| N. P. Perkins, preparing school report and returns. | 5 00 |
| | $67 00 |

## TOWN CLERK.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid Wellington Pool, services as Town Clerk | 20 00 |
| " recording births, deaths, and marriages | 15 90 |
| " " returning votes for Representa'e | 2 00 |
| | $37 90 |
| Cash paid Warren Jones, treasurer, 1872 | 25 00 |
| " " paying State aid | 6 00 |
| " " journeys out of town, cash paid | 15 50 |
| " " services as Collector | 80 00 |
| | $126 50 |

## SELECTMEN.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid Joseph Cook, 13 1-2 days' services | 27 00 |
| " " incidental services | 10 00 |
| John Gentlee, 10 days' services | 20 00 |
| " " use horse for the same | 8 00 |
| " " distribution of reports | 2 00 |
| " " taking census of scholars | 3 00 |
| N. P. Perkins, 13 1-2 days' services, | 27 00 |
| | $97 00 |

## ASSESSORS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid Joseph Cook, 6 days assessing taxes | 15 00 |
| John Gentlee, 5 days assessing taxes | 12 50 |
| N. P. Perkins, 6 days assessing taxes | 15 00 |
| | $42 50 |

## OVERSEERS POOR.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid Joseph Cook, services | 10 00 |
| " " journey out of town and expense | 12 10 |
| John Gentlee, services | 8 00 |
| N. P. Perkins, services | 8 00 |
| | $38 10 |
| Cash paid Henry Alley, constable, posting warrants | 3 00 |
| " " serving dog warrant | 2 00 |
| " " special police service, July 4th | 2 00 |
| Henry Brewer, " " " " | 3 00 |
| | $10 00 |

# Abatements.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Edward Barker, one poll, 1870 | | 2 00 |
| William Kimball, one poll, 1870 | | 2 00 |
| Edward Barker, one poll, 1871 | | 2 00 |
| William M. Dodge, one poll and personal | | 4 05 |
| William Lovering, 1 poll and personal | | 2 82 |
| John F. Swasey, one poll and personal | | 2 00 |
| Benjamin F. Swasey, one poll | | 2 00 |
| Charles Abbott, one poll, 1872 | | 2 00 |
| George Choate, one poll | | 2 00 |
| B. F. Durgan, one poll | | 2 00 |
| John T. Dodge, one poll | | 2 00 |
| Albert E. Day, one poll | | 2 00 |
| Austin Littlefield, one poll | | 2 00 |
| William G. Pingree, one poll | | 2 00 |
| George Rowe, one poll | | 2 00 |
| William Swasey, one poll | | 2 00 |
| Horatio Norcross, personal | | 66 |
| Charles Caswell, one poll, 1873 | | 2 00 |
| Charles H. Drown, one poll | | 2 00 |
| John Flint, 2d, one poll | | 2 00 |
| Horatio Norcross, one poll | | 2 00 |
| Benjamin Young, one poll | (not liable) | 2 00 |
| Rhoda Kimball estate, real estate | | 64 |
| Mary Dodge, personal | | 1 28 |
| | | $47 45 |

# State Aid Paid.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid Eldred Webber | $72 00 |
| Philip S. Young | 72 00 |
| Angeline Beck | 88 00 |
| Andrew Dodge, 2d., guar | 48 00 |
| Mary P. Merrill | 4 00 |
| Lydia K. Dwinell | 96 00 |
| Mary A. Henderson | 96 00 |
| | $520 00 |

# Summary View of Town Expenses,

| | |
|---|---|
| Schools | $1751 39 |
| Highways | 759 82 |
| Extra Highway | 24 20 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Snow | 1202 02 |
| Poor | 932 65 |
| Poor Travellers | 130 63 |
| Fire Department | 197 26 |
| Town House and Hall | 117 07 |
| Incidental | 200 14 |
| Town Officers | 419 00 |
| Abatements | 47 45 |
| Interest | 814 30 |
| State Tax | 877 50 |
| County Tax | 535 80 |
| State Aid | 520 00 |
| Receiving Tomb | 333 78 |
| | $8863 01 |

TOWN OF WENHAM IN ACCOUNT WITH WARREN JONES, TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Dr. | To balance in the Treasury, Feb. 15, 1873 | $1832 60 |
| | To tax list 1873, committed to him to collect | 6845 44 |
| | To received from State corporation tax, 1872 | 25 40 |
| | " " " " " 1873 | 115 41 |
| | " " State Aid refunded, 1872 | 528 00 |
| | " " " school fund | 131 13 |
| | " " County Treasurer, dog tax refunded | 78 05 |
| | " " J. S. Lowe, money hired | 300 00 |
| | " " J. 1. Durgan, " " | 500 00 |
| | " " S. S. Cook, cemetery lot | 12 00 |
| | " " J. D. Jones, one-half cemetery lot | 5 00 |
| | " " Warren Jones, interest on taxes, 1872 | 21 70 |
| | " " Joseph Cook, rent of Town Hall | 75 50 |
| | Received from State National Bank Tax | 999 68 |
| | | $11,469 91 |

TOWN OF WENHAM IN ACCOUNT WITH WARREN JONES, TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cr. | By payment of State Tax | $ 877 50 |
| | " County Tax | 535 80 |
| | " Mary Smith, note | 1000 00 |
| | " Henry Wilson, note | 150 00 |
| | " Interest on town debt and temporary loans | 814 30 |
| | " Selectmen orders | 6635 41 |
| | | $10,013 01 |
| | Balance in the treasury of cash and uncollected taxes | 1456 90 |
| | | $11,469 91 |

# Financial Statement of the Town.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Note due the State of Mass | | $6000 00 |
| " | Eliza Hobbs | 100 00 |
| " | J. A. Lowe | 1200 00 |
| " | Samuel Adams | 800 00 |
| " | Elizabeth Robinson | 200 00 |
| " | Salem Five Cents Savings Bank | 1500 00 |
| " | John J. Durgan | 500 00 |
| | Trustee Cemetery Fund | 475 00 |
| | Interest on the same | 44 16 |
| | Donation of Edwin Mudge, Soldiers' Monument fund | 475 58 |
| | One year interest on the same | 33 29 |
| | Estimate amount of outstanding bills | 50 00 |
| | | $11,378 03 |

RESOURCES.

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance in the treasury, money and uncollected taxes | $1456 90 |
| Due from State, state aid, 1873 | 520 00 |
| Previous years | 250 00 |
| Due from town of Beverly, on account of schools | 25 00 |
| | $2251 90 |
| Balance against the Town | 9126 13 |

The large expense incurred by the town in clearing snow, has prevented the reduction of the town debt, which had been anticipated.

JOSEPH COOK,
JOHN GENTLEE,
N. P. PERKINS,
} Selectmen of Wenham.

The Selectmen recommend that the following sums of money be raised the coming year :—

| | |
|---|---|
| For Schools | $1600 00 |
| For Highways | 1000 00 |
| For Poor | 700 00 |
| For interest | 750 00 |
| For Incidentals | 1450 00 |
| | $5500 00 |

JOSEPH COOK,
JOHN GENTLEE,
N. P. PERKINS,
} Selectmen of Wenham.

# Registration Statistics of the Town of Wenham, for 1873.

PREPARED BY WELLINGTON POOLE, TOWN CLERK.

## MARRIAGES.

The number of marriages recorded during the year was 14; with 23 of the parties it was the first marriage, and with 5 it was the second. 26 were of American, and 2 of foreign birth; 9 were born in Wenham. Both parties of 2 couples, and one party of 8 couples, were residents at the time of marriage, and 4 couples were non-residents.

## BIRTHS.

The number of births was 19—11 males and 8 females; 17 were born of American, and 2 of foreign, parentage.

## DEATHS.

The number of deaths which occurred in town during the year was 15—5 males and 10 females; 13 were American and 2 were foreign born; 6 were born in Wenham; 2 were non-residents; 5 were carried to other places for interment.

## AGES.

Under one year, 3; between one and two, 1; between ten and twenty, 1; between thirty and forty, 2; between sixty and seventy, 2; between seventy and eighty, 3; between eighty and ninety, 3.

In addition to the above, three were brought here for interment, from other places, all of whom were connected with families residing in town.

## DOGS.

The number of dogs licensed was 45, and from the amount received for licenses the sum of eighty seven dollars ($87.00) was paid into the County Treasury, as the law requires.

The Town Treasurer has received back the sum of $78.05.

# Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

ESSEX, ss.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Wenham, County of Essex.*

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Wenham, qualifiedto vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on Monday, the second day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles:

1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
2. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.
3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the year ensuing, and make appropriation of the same.
4. To determine the manner of repairing the highway and bridges.
5. To see what action the town will take in regard to poor travellers.
6. To see if the town will finish a lock-up in the basement of the Town House.
7. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to defray the expense of decorating the graves of the soldiers on decoration day.
8. To see if the town will accept, as far as opened, the street leading from the main road west of the Union store to land owned by Charles Batchelder. Also, to lengthen out the drain crossing said street.
9. To act on any other business that may lawfully come before them.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Meeting Houses in said town, seven days before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hand this fourteenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four.

JOSEPH COOK,
JOHN GENTLEE,
N. P. PERKINS,
} Selectmen of Wenham

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# SELECTMEN

OF THE

# TOWN OF WENHAM,

FOR THE

*Year Ending Feb. 12, 1875,*

WITH THE

## Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

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# REPORT.

## Schools.

### EAST SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid | E. D. Stillman, making fires | $ 4 00 |
| | Hannah F. Wyatt, cleaning school room | 3 00 |
| | Etta O. Patch, teaching spring term | 84 10 |
| | " " " " fall " | 70 00 |
| | J. Choate, Jr., painting blackboards | 2 85 |
| | George E. Morgan, chalk and ink | 2 56 |
| | J. K. Dodge, wood | 24 00 |
| | J. P. Conant, labor on school house | 2 00 |
| | Etta O. Patch, teaching winter term | 90 00 |
| | | $282 51 |

### NECK SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid | A. P. Spiller, care of school house | $ 5 00 |
| | B. L. Spiller, setting glass | 1 25 |
| | Kate C. Grant, teaching spring term | 110 00 |
| | B. L. Spiller, lock and labor | 1 20 |
| | M. E. Conant, teaching fall term | 77 00 |
| | Union Store, broom | 40 |
| | George E. Morgan, chalk and ink | 2 08 |
| | J. P. Conant, labor on school house | 2 00 |
| | Charles W. Batchelder, crayons and ink | 1 25 |
| | M. E. Conant, teaching winter term | 90 00 |
| | Andrew Dodge, wood | 26 00 |
| | | $316 18 |

### CENTRE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid | Charles A. Perkins, building fires | $ 4 00 |
| | Union Store, broom and pail | 65 |
| | George E. Morgan, books, ink, and crayons | 3 36 |
| | Charles W. Batchelder, books, ink, and crayons | 2 06 |
| | C. Tucker, cleaning school room | 2 25 |
| | Henry Patch, wood | 22 50 |
| | G. W. Parsons, wood | 4 00 |
| | M. Sullivan, preparing wood, 1873 | 4 00 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid M. Sullivan, cleaning privy, 1873–4 | 1 75 |
| D. Harrigan, preparing wood | 7 70 |
| J. Clark, shelf | 50 |
| Kate T. Patterson, teaching spring term | 120 00 |
| " " " " summer " | 100 00 |
| " " " " winter " | 120 00 |
| Joseph Cook, cleaning out funnel | 50 |
| | $393 27 |

## CENTRE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid Union Store, broom and pail | $ 90 |
| George E. Morgan, ink and crayons | 4 30 |
| C. W. Batchelder, ink and crayons | 1 75 |
| John Girdler, coal | 50 00 |
| Henry Patch, two brooms, 1872 | 80 |
| Abbie M. Fellows, teaching spring term | 150 00 |
| " " " " fall " | 125 00 |
| " " " " winter " | 150 00 |
| Joseph Cook, care of school room | 15 00 |
| | $497 75 |

## WEST SCHOOL.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid Mrs. Sopher, cleaning school room | $ 3 00 |
| N. P. Perkins, making fires | 3 75 |
| C. M. Buffum, lock | 50 |
| J. Choate, Jr., painting blackboards and setting glass | 3 00 |
| G. E. Morgan, books, ink, and crayons | 3 86 |
| C. W. Batchelder, crayons | 35 |
| J. G. Kent, wood | 18 00 |
| G. W. Parsons, wood | 2 50 |
| Emma A. Dodge, teaching spring term | 84 00 |
| " " " " fall " | 70 00 |
| " " " " winter " | 90 00 |
| N. P. Perkins, History | 90 |
| | $279 86 |

# Highways.

## WARD ONE.

GEORGE M. WILLIAMS, SURVEYOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid George M. Williams, | labor | $ | 14 53 |
| John K. Dodge, | " | | 12 85 |
| William Higgins, | " | | 10 56 |
| Philip Morrill, | " | | 4 40 |
| Benj. Birchsted, | " | | 2 80 |
| William Beck, | " | | 4 40 |
| Fanny Birchsted, | " | | 5 00 |
| Timothy Higgins, | " | | 80 |
| John W. Higgins, | " | | 1 20 |
| | | $ | 56 54 |

## WARD TWO.

CHARLES BROWN, SURVEYOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Jacob Brown, | labor | $ | 31 16 |
| R. F. Dodge, | " | | 27 00 |
| William Martin, | " | | 17 20 |
| Cyrus Tuttle, | " | | 4 00 |
| William Lakeman, | " | | 9 90 |
| John Gentlee, | " | | 4 10 |
| David White, | " | | 4 00 |
| William Martin, | gravel | | 6 70 |
| R. F. Dodge, | " | | 5 00 |
| S. R. Prince, | " | | 2 94 |
| | | $ | 112 00 |

## WARD THREE.

NICHOLAS DODGE, SURVEYOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Nicholas Dodge, | labor | $ | 10 00 |
| F. R. Edwards, | " | | 19 80 |
| Andrew Dodge, | " | | 18 80 |
| Francis M. Dodge, | " | | 8 80 |
| Estate of Ezra Dodge | " | | 10 40 |
| Mrs. L. Curtis, | " | | 8 80 |
| George A. Dodge, | " | | 15 80 |
| J. P. Conant, | " | | 4 00 |
| S. R. Prince, | " | | 8 50 |
| B. L. Spiller, | " | | 4 00 |
| Mrs. A. Pingree, | " | | 4 00 |
| George Babcock, | " | | 4 00 |
| | | $ | 116 90 |

## WARD FOUR.

TIMOTHY P. DODGE, SURVEYOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Timothy P. Dodge, | labor | $ | 6 80 |
| Dennis Harrigan, | " | | 3 00 |
| William B. Dodge, | " | | 9 05 |
| Abraham Dodge, | " | | 8 80 |
| William P. Dodge, | " | | 4 00 |
| J. D. Marshall, | " | | 6 60 |
| Simeon Dodge, Jr., | " | | 8 80 |
| Stephen Dodge, | " | | 8 80 |
| | | $ | 55 85 |

## WARD FIVE.

HENRY HOBBS, SURVEYOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Henry Hobbs, | labor | $ | 18 16 |
| J. Kavanagh, | " | | 65 75 |
| P. Kavanagh, | " | | 27 80 |
| Henry Patch, | " | | 6 60 |
| Frank Batchelder, | " | | 8 80 |
| L. Littlefield, | " | | 9 60 |
| M. Sulivan, | " | | 24 80 |
| William Peabody, | " | | 10 00 |
| J. Cook, | " | | 6 00 |
| Daniel Brewer, | " | | 6 00 |
| J. B. Woodman, | " | | 6 00 |
| A. Hutchinson, | " | | 8 00 |
| Milton Woodman, | " | | 4 00 |
| Frank Farriea, | " | | 3 00 |
| J. H. Perkins, | " | | 2 00 |
| F. Hadley, | " | | 4 40 |
| R. A. Dodge, | gravel, | | 13 00 |
| | | $ | 223 91 |

## WARD SIX.

JOSEPH DAY, SURVEYOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Joseph Day, | labor | $ | 9 00 |
| Charles Dodge | " | | 12 00 |
| Samuel S. Cook, | " | | 6 40 |
| Charles Stanton, | " | | 11 26 |
| Samuel Porter, | " | | 40 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Charles Shattuck, | labor | | 2 00 |
| J. Cook, | " | | 4 60 |
| J. L. Dodge, | " | | 4 00 |
| Frank Farriea, | " | | 4 63 |
| | | | $54 29 |

## WARD SEVEN.

STEPHEN COOK, SURVEYOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Stephen Cook, | labor | $ | 22 00 |
| H. Pierce, | " | | 8 00 |
| G. A. Lane, | " | | 6 40 |
| G. W. Peabody, | " | | 16 00 |
| S. S. Cook, | " | | 8 73 |
| J. F. Kent, | " | | 6 40 |
| J. N. Clark, | " | | 8 40 |
| William Moulton, | " | | 5 20 |
| N. P. Perkins, | " | | 6 00 |
| G. W. Parsons, | " | | 8 40 |
| Elbridge Standley, | " | | 8 40 |
| M. Sulivan, | gravel | | 5 80 |
| | | | $109 73 |

## WARD EIGHT.

E. L. KIMBALL, SURVEYOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid E. L. Kimball, | labor | $ | 44 40 |
| Chas. E. Kimball, | " | | 24 00 |
| D. A. Warner, | " | | 26 00 |
| Elbridge Kimball, | " | | 48 00 |
| Joseph Wesel, | " | | 24 00 |
| J. T. Brown, | " | | 40 00 |
| Thomas Clark, | " | | 9 00 |
| | | | $215 40 |

## SNOW.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid William Higgins, | Ward 1 | $ | 4 52 |
| John Gentlee, | " 2 | | 5 28 |
| Timothy P. Dodge, | " 4 | | 11 45 |
| L. Littlefield, | " 5 | | 18 37 |
| Henry Hobbs, | " 5 | | 7 72 |
| J. Kavanagh, | " 5 | | 10 43 |
| Joseph Day, | " 6 | | 9 59 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Stephen Cook, | " 7 | | 8 66 |
| G. W. Peabody, | " 7 | | 75 |
| E. L. Kimball, | " 8, 1873–4 | | 26 50 |
| | | | $103 27 |

EXTRA HIGHWAYS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid J. F. Burnham, bricks for drain | $ | 13 00 |
| E. P. Caswell, labor and stock on drain | | 9 50 |
| J. Kavanagh, labor and stock on drain | | 6 00 |
| William Peabody, labor on drain | | 5 00 |
| John Pickett, lime and cement | | 3 50 |
| D. Bradbury, iron gate | | 9 40 |
| Joseph Cook, days' labor on drain | | 12 00 |
| Calvin Putnam, lumber for railing | | 26 34 |
| S. R. Prince, labor, Ward 3 | | 7 57 |
| Nicholas Dodge, labor, Ward 3 | | 6 90 |
| Henry Hobbs, labor and cash paid, Ward 5 | | 8 60 |
| J. Kavanagh, labor, Ward 5 | | 7 48 |
| J. Kavanagh, labor, Tyrrill gravel pit | | 33 75 |
| Stephen Cook, labor in Ward 7 | | 28 81 |
| G. W. Peabody, labor in Ward 7 | | 60 |
| E. L. Kimball, posts and labor, | | 40 52 |
| S. Flint, drain pipe | | 5 00 |
| C. W. Batchelder, gravel, Ward 5 | | 1 00 |
| D. Bradbury, sharpening picks | | 1 00 |
| John Gentlee, lumber and labor on Pingree Bridge | | 8 38 |
| | | $234 35 |

# Poor.

MRS. MARGARET GIFFORD.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Union Store, supplies | $ | 25 50 |
| John Riggs, house rent | | 23 00 |
| " " sawing wood | | 6 00 |
| " " attendance | | 6 50 |
| M. Sullivan, 1-2 cord wood, 1873 | | 3 50 |
| Henry Torr, wood | | 7 00 |
| Henry Patch, " | | 3 00 |
| George W. Parsons, wood | | 4 00 |
| George E. Morgan, medicine | | 24 17 |
| James H. Perkins, meat | | 8 25 |
| Dr. J. L. Robinson, medical attendance | | 14 00 |
| C. W. Batchelder, dry goods | | 1 22 |
| Joseph Cook, cash paid | | 1 65 |
| | | $127 79 |

RICHARD AND JOSHUA BURNHAM.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid D. Richards & Son, supplies | $ | 60 99 |
| Joseph G. Kent, wood | | 3 50 |
| N. P. Perkins, " | | 11 50 |
| " " " cash paid | | 50 |
| Joseph Cook, " " | | 60 |
| George E. Morgan, medicine | | 1 40 |
| | $ | 78 49 |
| Harriet Fisk, board Howard Goodale | | 156 00 |
| City of Lynn, supplies, Mrs. A. Williams | | 23 50 |
| John Riggs, lodging 84 poor travellers | | 63 00 |
| Joseph Cook, " 35 " " | | 26 25 |
| George W. Peabody, 3 " " | | 3 00 |
| Henry Alley, care of 245 " " | | 25 50 |
| " " supplies, " " " | | 1 00 |
| Union Store, " " " " | | 26 21 |
| Cost of supplying 245 poor travellers since completion of the lockup | | 52 71 |

# Incidental.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Foote & Horton, printing | $ | 66 12 |
| J. Choate, Jr., painting school houses | | 181 28 |
| " " " " engine house | | 38 00 |
| " " " varnishing hearse | | 10 00 |
| " " " guide boards | | 1 62 |
| N. Wiggin & Co., shingles for engine and hearse houses | | 30 00 |
| Warren Jones, labor and stock, shingling engine and hearse houses | | 14 83 |
| E. P. Caswell, repairing chimney | | 2 00 |
| W. B. Morgan, building snow plough | | 18 50 |
| Henry Hobbs, horse hire | | 8 50 |
| " " boot for hearse | | 2 50 |
| Joseph Bickford, burying soldier, 1864 | | 7 00 |
| B. F. Johnson, drain pipe | | 9 50 |
| D. Bradbury, sharpening drills | | 60 |
| B. H. Conant, care of town clock | | 20 00 |
| J. L. Batchelder, hauling rocks from burying ground | | 1 25 |
| Edward L. Kimball 2 guide posts | | 2 00 |
| Union Store, nails and stationery | | 3 82 |

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|---|---|
| Cash paid Salem Press, binding and lettering Town Records | 1 75 |
| Wellington Poole, labor and cash paid on Town Library and records | 2 80 |
| Wellington Poole, postage and stationery | 89 |
| A. Pickard, damage on wall on Abor street | 10 00 |
| J. W. Smith, damage to carriage, Ward 1 | 6 20 |
| Thomas H. Clark, damage sustained on account of insufficient clearing of snow, ward 6, | 25 00 |
| J. L. Robinson, appropriation for Decoration day | 100 00 |
| D. P. Dodge, expressing | 8 20 |
| Jeremiah Kavanagh, services as witness opposing new road | 3 00 |
| Wellington Poole 2 1-2 days as committee on the same | 5 00 |
| Abbott Johnson, 2 1-2 days as committee on the same | 5 00 |
| Abbott Johnson, horse and carriage and son 1 day | 3 25 |
| Daniel Bradbury, repairs on pump and other items | 1 00 |
| " " use of iron rod | 50 |
| Joseph Cook, labor and cash paid on burying ground | 2 25 |
| Joseph Cook, returning deaths Town Clerk | 3 75 |
| " 2½ days' services opposing new road | 5 00 |
| N. P. Perkins, 2½ days " " " | 5 00 |
| John Gentlee, 2½ days " " " | 5 00 |
| Horse for the same | 2 00 |
| | $613 11 |

# Town House and Hall.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid John T. Ropes and funnel | $31 62 |
| Union Store, oil, chimneys, &c., | 7 54 |
| J. Choate, Jr., setting glass, | 2 67 |
| E. P. Caswell, painting underpinning | 2 00 |
| John H. Tyler, labor and stock repairing settees | 5 44 |
| Wm. O. Haskell & Son, stock for repairing settees | 3 78 |
| John Girdler, coal | 55 00 |
| J. Choate, Jr., setting glass | 2 75 |
| Henry Tarr, wood | 4 00 |
| Union Store, supplies | 1 60 |
| George W. Parsons, wood | 4 00 |
| D. Bradbury, iron hooks | 1 00 |

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|---|---|
| Cash paid Joseph Cook, labor mending settees | 2 00 |
| " " cash paid for looking glass | 1 00 |
| " " care of Town Hall | 48 00 |
| | $171 40 |

# Fire Department.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid Daniel Bradbury, for five barrels coal used at the burning of the ice houses | $5 75 |
| Daniel Bradbury, repairs on engine | 6 00 |
| Nehemiah Preston, refreshments furnished Beverly fire company at the burning Mrs. Wyatt's barn, | 15 00 |
| C. H. Shattuck, labor on engine | 6 50 |
| L. Southwick, hauling engine and company to Danvers | 5 00 |
| Addison Williams, services at fire at Mrs. Wyatt's | 2 00 |
| B. F. Birchsted, watching fire at Mrs. Wyatt's | 2 00 |
| Henry Hobbs, oil for engine | 2 75 |
| James H. Perkins, services as fireward, and labor on engine, 1873 | 2 75 |
| | $47 75 |

# Lockup.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid Daniel Bradbury, iron bars | $ 13 70 |
| " " hinges and staples | 9 52 |
| J. F. Burnham, bricks | 52 00 |
| George Roundy, lumber | 13 91 |
| E. P. Caswell, labor | 17 25 |
| Charles F. Elliott, labor | 11 70 |
| Lee & Cressey, beds and pillows | 13 50 |
| Thomas Clark, slop pail | 2 00 |
| W. G. Webber & Co., blankets | 17 00 |
| J. Pickett, sand, lime and cement | 15 17 |
| B. S. Lunt, funnel | 12 00 |
| Joseph Cook, labor and cash paid | 16 29 |
| Union Store, nails | 1 70 |
| J. Choate, Jr., painting windows of lockup | 1 75 |
| Mrs. R. H. Cloutman, stove | 4 00 |
| Henry Hobbs, 1 pair of hinges | 1 50 |
| Jason Clark, stock for window sills | 1 25 |
| | $204 24 |

# Town Officers.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid John Gentlee services as School Committee, 1873 | | $25 00 |
| N. P. Perkins, 18½ days " " " | | 37 00 |
| " horse and carriage..... | | 5 00 |
| " preparing school report and returns | | 5 00 |
| | | $ 72 00 |
| Henry Patch, services as School Committee, 1872, | | 15 00 |
| Calvin Tucker, " " " 1874, | | 6 00 |

## TOWN CLERK.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid Wellington Pool, services as Town Clerk..... | $20 00 |
| " " recording births, deaths and marriages..... | 16 45 |
| " " journey to Danvers, return'g votes | 2 00 |
| " " cash paid..... | 1 75 |
| | $40 20 |

## TREASURER.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid Warren Jones, treasurer, 1873..... ..... | $25 00 |
| " paying state aid..... | 6 00 |
| " stationery and postage, 1873..... | 3 00 |
| " journey out of town, cash paid '74 | 11 25 |
| " services as Collector..... | 80 00 |
| | $125 25 |

## ASSESSORS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid Joseph Cook, 6 days services assessing taxes.....$ | 15 00 |
| John Gentlee, 5 " " " " ..... | 12 50 |
| N. P. Perkins, 6 " " " " ..... | 15 00 |
| Joseph Cook, copying estimates for State..... | 7 00 |
| | $49 50 |

## SELECTMEN.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid Joseph Cook, 15 days services..... .... | 30 00 |
| " " extra services..... | 11 50 |
| John Gentlee, 15 days services..... | 30 00 |
| " " extra service ..... | 3 00 |
| " " use of horse..... | 11 00 |
| N. P. Perkins, 15 days service..... | 30 00 |
| | $115 50 |

## OVERSEERS OF POOR.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid Joseph Cook, services | $ 10 00 |
| " " journey out of town | 3 90 |
| John Gentlee, services | 8 00 |
| N. P. Perkins, " | 8 00 |
| | $29 90 |

## CONSTABLES.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid James H. Perkins, services, 1872 | $1 00 |
| Henry Alley, posting warrant | 3 00 |
| serving dog warrant | 5 00 |
| special services, July 4 | 2 50 |
| care of prisoner, | 2 00 |
| G. W. Parsons, special services, July 4 | 2 50 |
| " services as constable | 50 |
| Joseph Cook, services July 4, | 2 00 |
| | $18 50 |

# Abatements.

| | |
|---|---|
| Richard Cloutman, 1871 and 1872 | $4 00 |
| George Choate, " | 2 00 |
| H. Norcross, " | 2 82 |
| Albert E. Day, 1872 | 2 00 |
| Edward Barker, " | 2 00 |
| Mrs. Sarah Spiller, real estate, 1873 | 6 40 |
| Ezra Swasey, personal estate, 1873 | 1 00 |
| Joseph D. Abbott, poll | 2 00 |
| Edward Barker, poll, 1873 | 2 00 |
| C. W. Bagley, " " | 2 00 |
| J. F. Swasey, " " | 2 00 |
| Herbert Woodbury, " | 2 00 |
| T. P. Pingree, too much personal, 1874 | 156 00 |
| Addison Gage & Co., personal, 1874 | 84 00 |
| John Abbott, " | 2 40 |
| D. Bradstreet, real estate, 1873 | 1 20 |
| | $273 82 |

# State Aid.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid Eldred Webber | $ 72 00 |
| Philip S. Young | 72 00 |
| Angeline Beck | 48 00 |
| Andrew Dodge, guardian | 36 00 |
| Mary A. Henderson | 96 00 |

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|---|---|
| Cash paid Mary P. Merrill | 48 00 |
| Lydia K. Dwinell | 88 00 |
| John A. Hoyatt | 36 00 |
| | $496 00 |

# Summary View of Town Expenses.

| | |
|---|---|
| Schools | $ 1769 57 |
| Highway Wards | 944 62 |
| Extra Highway | 234 35 |
| Snow | 103 27 |
| Poor | 385 78 |
| Poor travellers | 144 96 |
| Incidentals | 613 11 |
| Town House and Hall | 171 40 |
| Fire department | 47 75 |
| Lockup | 204 24 |
| Town Officers | 471 8 5 |
| Abatements | 273 82 |
| State Aid | 496 00 |
| Interest | 730 67 |
| State Tax | 780 00 |
| County Tax | 535 80 |
| | $7907 19 |

TOWN OF WENHAM IN ACCOUNT WITH WARREN JONES, TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Dr. | To balance in Treasury Feb. 15, 1874, | $1,456 90 |
| | " tax committed to him to collect | 6,871 70 |
| | " received from State corporation tax | 103 24 |
| | " " State aid refunded, 1873 | 501 73 |
| | " " State School fund | 237 97 |
| | " State National Bank tax | 1,011 73 |
| | " cash received J. L. Robinson, unexpended appropriation for Decoration Day | 23 01 |
| | " received from R. A. Dodge, cemetery lot | 8 00 |
| | " " Sylvanus Porter, " " | 12 00 |
| | " " Town of Beverly, on account of scholars | 25 00 |
| | " " Joseph Cook, rent of Town Hall | 129 50 |
| | " " T. P. Pingree, money hired | 1,500 00 |
| | " interest on taxes, 1873 | 36 55 |
| | | $11,917 33 |

TOWN OF WENHAM IN ACCOUNT WITH WARREN JONES, TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cr. By payment of State Tax | $ | 780 00 |
| " " " County Tax | | 535 80 |
| " Cash paid Salem Five Cent Savings Bank | | 1500 00 |
| " Interest on Town Debt temporary loans | | 730 67 |
| " Selectmen's orders | | 5860 72 |
| | $ | 9407 19 |
| Balance in Treasury | | 2510 14 |
| | $ | 11,917 33 |

# Financial Statement of the Town.

| | |
|---|---|
| Note due the State of Massachusetts | $6,000 00 |
| " Eliza Hobbs | 100 00 |
| " J. & A. Lowe | 1,200 00 |
| " Samuel Adams | 800 00 |
| " Elizabeth Robinson | 200 00 |
| " Thomas P. Pingree, | 1,500 00 |
| " John J. Durgan | 500 00 |
| " Trustees cemetery fund | 475 00 |
| " Interest on the same | 75 00 |
| " Donation of Edwin Mudge, soldiers' mon'm't fund | 508 87 |
| " Interest on the same | 30 53 |
| Estimate of outstanding bills | 100 00 |
| | $11,489 40 |

RESOURCES.

| | |
|---|---|
| By balance in Treasury, cash and uncollected taxes | $2510 14 |
| " due from State, State Aid, 1874 | 496 00 |
| " previous years | 125 00 |
| " due from County, estimated dog tax | 80 00 |
| " " from Preston Brothers, school money | 20 00 |
| | $3231 14 |
| Balance against the town | 8258 26 |
| Reduction of town debt | 867 87 |

The Selectmen recommend the following sums to be raised for the year ensuing.

| | |
|---|---|
| For Schools | $ 15 00 |
| " Highways | 11 00 |
| " Poor | 7 00 |
| " Interest | 7 00 |
| " Incidentals | 15 00 |
| | $55 00 |

JOSEPH COOK,
JOHN GENTLEE,
N. P. PERKINS. } Selectmen of Wenham.

# Abstract of the Registration Statistics of the Town of Wenham, for the year 1874.

PREPARED BY WELLINGTON POOL, TOWN CLERK.

## MARRIAGES.

The number of marriages recorded during the year was 16; with 27 of the parties it was their first marriage, and with 5, it was the second:—All but one were of American birth; 10 were born in Wenham. Both parties of 2 couples, and one of the parties of 10 couples, were resident at the time of marriage, and four couples were non-residents.

## BIRTHS.

The number of births was 20, including one pair of twins; 8 males and 12 females; 16 were born of American, 2 of mixed, and 2 of foreign parentage.

## DEATHS.

The number of deaths which occurred in town during the year, was 13; 4 males and 9 females. 12 were of American, and 1 of foreign parentage. 9 were born in Wenham; 5 were carried to other places for interment.

### AGES.

Under one year, 5; between one and two, 1; between ten and twenty, 1; between twenty and thirty, 3; between fifty and sixty, 1; between seventy and eighty, 2.

In addition to the above, 5 were brought here from other places for interment, all of whom were connected with families residing in town.

## DOGS.

Forty-six dogs were licensed and registered in 1874, and from the amount received for licenses, the sum of eighty-eight dollars and eighty cents (88.80) was paid into the County Treasury.

# Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

ESSEX, ss.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Wenham, County of Essex.*

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Wenham, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on Monday, the first day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles :

1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

2. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the year ensuing, and make appropriation of the same.

4. To determine the manner of repairing the highway and bridges for the ensuing year.

5. To act on any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Meeting Houses in said town, seven days before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twelfth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy five.

JOSEPH COOK,
JOHN GENTLEE,
N. P. PERKINS,
} Selectmen of Wenham.

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# SELECTMEN

OF THE

# Town of Wenham,

FOR THE

## YEAR ENDING FEB. 18, 1876,

WITH THE

## Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

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SALEM:
PRESS OF THE ESSEX COUNTY MERCURY.
1876.

# REPORT.

## School Department.

### EAST SCHOOL.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid Etta O. Patch, teaching Spring term | $90 00 |
| " " " Fall " | 75 00 |
| " " " Winter " | 90 00 |
| John K. Wood | 18 00 |
| E. D. Stillman, care of school-room | 5 00 |
| | $278 00 |

### NECK SCHOOL.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid M. E. Conant, teaching Spring term | $90 00 |
| " " " Fall " | 75 00 |
| " " " Winter " | 90 00 |
| Andrew Dodge, wood, spring term | 2 50 |
| " " 2 1-2 cords wood, Winter term | 22 50 |
| John Gentlee, repairing privy, school-room and fence | 10 98 |
| E. L. Standley, care of school-room | 5 00 |
| | $295 98 |

### CENTRE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid K. T. Patterson, teaching, Spring term | $120 00 |
| " " " Fall " | 100 00 |
| " " " Winter " | 120 00 |
| John Girdler, coal | 27 00 |
| Joseph Cook, care of school-room | 10 00 |
| C. A. Perkins, making fires, 1874 | 4 50 |
| John T. Ropes, stove and funnel | 44 30 |
| | $425 80 |

## CENTRE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid A. M. Fellows, teaching, Spring term | $150 00 |
| " " " Fall " | 125 00 |
| " " " Winter " | 150 00 |
| John Girdler, coal | 50 00 |
| Joseph Cook, care of room | 15 00 |
| Phebe J. Buckley, cleaning room | 5 00 |
| | $495 00 |

## WEST SCHOOL.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid E. F. Wilkins, teaching, Spring term | $96 00 |
| " " " Fall " | 72 00 |
| Ella F. Porter, " Winter " | 97 50 |
| John E. Tiney, wood, Spring term | 2 50 |
| " " repairs | 1 75 |
| Joseph G. Kent, wood, Spring term | 4 50 |
| " " " Winter " | 18 00 |
| Mrs. Sopher, cleaning school-room | 2 50 |
| N. P. Perkins, for cash paid building fires | 5 00 |
| H. W. Thurston, chairs | 2 67 |
| | $302 42 |

## INCIDENTAL FOR ALL THE SCHOOLS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid C. W. Batchelder, ink, crayons, blackboard erasers, &c | $44 33 |
| J. Choate, repairs on clock | 2 25 |
| " repairing seats, setting glass | 2 51 |
| " journey to Salem on account of stove, fixing coal pen | 2 75 |
| | $51 84 |

# Highways.

## WARD ONE.

WILLIAM HIGGINS, SURVEYOR.

| | Highway. |
|---|---|
| Cash paid William Higgins, | $13 85 |
| John K. Dodge, | 12 80 |
| George M. Williams | 6 00 |
| Charles Wyatt | 2 00 |
| Edwin Stillman, | 2 00 |
| John W. Higgins | 2 00 |
| Timothy Higgins | 4 00 |
| Benjamin Burchstead | 4 00 |
| Mrs. Fanny Burchstead | 4 00 |
| John Gentlee, gravel | 4 20 |
| | $54 85 |

Cash paid William Higgins, snow ..... $20 00

## WARD TWO.

ROBERT F. DODGE, SURVEYOR.

| | Snow. | Highway. |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid R. F. Dodge | $3 45 | $34 72 |
| Jacob Brown | 4 50 | 13 80 |
| George Hooper | 1 00 | 26 40 |
| John Gentlee | 6 25 | 10 10 |
| J. M. A. Snelling | 12 10 | 25 00 |
| William Lakeman | 10 37 | 6 40 |
| Charles T. Brown | 5 47 | |
| Charles T. Smith | 3 50 | |
| Cyrus Tuttle | 5 50 | |
| Herbert Woodbury | 1 87 | |
| David White | 3 00 | |
| | $57 01 | $116 42 |

## WARD THREE.

NICHOLAS DODGE, SURVEYOR.

| | | Snow. | Highway |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid | F. R. Edwards | $25 37½ | $23 80 |
| | S. R. Prince | 11 75 | 12 20 |
| | L. C. Curtis | | 9 60 |
| | W. F. Trowt | 8 50 | 9 60 |
| | Andrew Dodge | 21 12½ | 9 60 |
| | Charles Killam | 15 87½ | 8 85 |
| | G. A. Dodge | 7 00 | 6 60 |
| | Mrs. Abigail Pingree | 2 50 | 3 00 |
| | George Babcock | 7 25 | 3 00 |
| | John P. Conant | 7 12½ | 3 00 |
| | Nicholas Dodge | 22 50 | 5 00 |
| | Charles Wilkins | 2 25 | |
| | George D. Babcock | 4 00 | |
| | Nelson Babcock | 3 75 | |
| | Charles E. Riva | 5 12½ | |
| | George P. Choate | 6 62½ | |
| | Jacob E. Dodge | 6 12½ | |
| | F. A. Ober | 5 00 | |
| | Hiram Norcross | 5 00 | |
| | Horatio Norcross | 2 50 | |
| | | $169 37½ | $94 25 |

## WARD FOUR.

WILLIAM B. DODGE, SURVEYOR.

| | | Snow. | Highway. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid | William B. Dodge | $12 00 | $11 80 |
| | Timothy P. Dodge | 4 50 | 3 80 |
| | Stephen Dodge | 13 43 | 8 86 |
| | Simeon Dodge | 7 88 | 8 36 |
| | Joseph D. Marshall | 1 00 | 4 56 |
| | Edward Bowden | | 3 80 |
| | Abraham Dodge | 17 58 | 12 36 |
| | J. Kavanagh | | 1 00 |
| | W. P. Dodge | 7 00 | |
| Amounts carried forward | | $63 39 | $54 54 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amounts brought forward..... | $63 39 | .....$54 54 |
| Cash paid Charles Elliott..... | 1 00 | |
| Henry Alley..... | 3 60 | |
| Isaac Porter..... | 2 25 | |
| ——— Johnson.... | 1 25 | |
| D. Harrigan..... | 4 63 | |
| John Harrigan..... | 3 38 | |
| Austin Patch..... | 1 25 | |
| Charles Wilkins..... | 75 | |
| ——— Kellam..... | 75 | |
| | $82 25 | $54 54 |

## WARD FIVE.

ELBRIDGE PORTER, SURVEYOR.

| | Snow. | Highway. |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Elbridge Porter..... | $13 72 | .....$12 80 |
| Levi Hutchinson.... | ..... | 5 00 |
| William Cummins... | 2 00 | 12 60 |
| Henry Patch..... | 3 07 | 9 60 |
| J. Kavanagh..... | 15 00 | 12 60 |
| H. Tarr..... | 75 | 11 00 |
| Frank Batchelder.... | 4 69 | 11 00 |
| J. L. Batchelder .... | 4 90 | 6 38 |
| M. Sullivan..... | 1 97 | 5 40 |
| A. Gould..... | ..... | 6 60 |
| L. Littlefield..... | 2 37 | 13 20 |
| W. E. Porter..... | 1 87 | 13 60 |
| William Porter..... | 50 | 2 64 |
| J. Woodman..... | 50 | 3 50 |
| Charles Shattuck ... | 3 62 | 5 00 |
| R. H. Cloutman..... | 87 | 6 00 |
| A. Hutchinson..... | ..... | 6 40 |
| D. Harrigan..... | ..... | 3 00 |
| Martin Kavanagh.... | 2 12 | 3 00 |
| A. Webber..... | ..... | 3 00 |
| William Peabody.... | 2 50 | 10 00 |
| D. Brewer..... | 1 50 | 3 80 |
| W. Jones ..... | ..... | 2 00 |
| James Perkins..... | ..... | 6 60 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Willie Hutchinson | | | 5 00 |
| Henry Perkins, gravel | | | 23 35 |
| H. H. Demsey | 1 50 | | |
| P. Kavanagh | 5 35 | | |
| D. Homan | 3 00 | | |
| W. Merrill | 1 12 | | |
| G. Marshall | 2 25 | | |
| D. Perkins | 2 37 | | |
| J. Choate | 87 | | |
| George Porter | 62 | | |
| Myron Clark | 50 | | |
| Fred. Perkins | 50 | | |
| Henry Hobbs | 4 27 | | |
| A. Johnson | 1 00 | | |
| | $85 30 | | $203 07 |

## WARD SIX.

### Samuel Porter, Surveyor.

| | Snow. | Highways. |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Paul M. Barnes | $5 74 | $4 00 |
| Warren Jones | 2 68 | 4 00 |
| Daniel A. Homans | 5 74 | 4 00 |
| Samuel Porter | 1 75 | 30 80 |
| Joseph Day | 2 50 | |
| M. W. Dearborn | 5 37 | |
| William McKenney | 5 37 | |
| Charles Dudley | 1 50 | |
| A. Pickard | 2 43 | |
| F. Tarrieo | 2 31 | |
| S. Caves | 1 56 | |
| William Cummins | 3 62 | |
| E. K. Day | 25 | |
| A. B. Robinson | 1 75 | |
| Eldred Webber | 1 25 | |
| M. Sullivan | 1 00 | |
| M. Buckley | 25 | |
| | $45 07 | $42 80 |

## WARD SEVEN.

E. K. Standley, Surveyor.

| | Snow. | Highway. |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid E. K. Standley | $14 25 | $22 60 |
| G. W. Peabody | 8 00 | 3 80 |
| N. P. Perkins | 3 00 | 14 60 |
| W. Moulton | 6 75 | 7 40 |
| G. A. Lane | 5 85 | 10 80 |
| H. Pierce | 2 37 | 7 40 |
| J. G. Kent | 4 37 | 10 95 |
| S. S. Cook | 11 72 | 15 52 |
| J. N. Clark | 3 62 | 7 60 |
| A. F. Bagley Est | 8 19 | 11 80 |
| J. Webber | 4 82 | 6 60 |
| E. Kimball | | 2 25 |
| W. Town | | 2 00 |
| J. E. Tiney | 6 18 | |
| Stephen Cook | 10 97 | |
| William Webber | 3 50 | |
| G. W. Parsons | 8 10 | |
| Edward Hall | 3 30 | |
| Charles Dodge | 2 12 | |
| S. E. Kimball | 3 84 | |
| Elbridge Dodge | 3 30 | |
| J. Wilkins | 1 25 | |
| | $115 50 | $123 32 |

## WARD EIGHT.

Amos C. White, Surveyor.

| | Snow. | Highway. |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Amos C. White | $7 75 | $42 00 |
| Joseph Wesel | 4 00 | 1 20 |
| E. K. Standley | | 1 80 |
| Amos C. White, gravel | | 3 00 |
| Warren Burbee | 5 00 | |
| Josiah Brown | 3 75 | |
| James T. Brown | 1 25 | |
| D. A. Warner | 12 50 | |
| | $34 25 | $48 00 |

### EXTRA HIGHWAYS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid John Gentlee, for widening road east part of the town, as per contract | $350 | 00 |
| Gravel and grading the same | 20 | 00 |
| Cutting trees and bushes for survey, | 2 | 75 |
| J. Kavanagh, reducing grade of Bomer Hill, as per contract, | 400 | 00 |
| Edward L. Kimball, post for railing Bomer Hill, | 31 | 50 |
| William J. Berry, surveying, | 25 | 00 |
| James T. Brown, grading, | 9 | 00 |
| N. P. Perkins, " | 4 | 00 |
| Joseph Wesel, " gravel, | 6 | 70 |
| Joseph Cook, " and railing, | 10 | 00 |
| Warren Jones, " | 7 | 00 |
| William Peabody, " | 3 | 00 |
| Elbridge ———, extra labor in Ward 8, | 3 | 00 |
| Daniel Homan, labor on bridge in Wards 5 and 8, | 5 | 50 |
| Joseph Cook, " " " " 5, | 1 | 00 |
| Elbridge Porter and others, labor in Ward 5, | 46 | 48 |
| | $924 | 93 |

## Poor Department.

MRS. MARGARET GIFFORD.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid John Riggs, house rent, | $23 | 00 |
| " " preparing wood, | 7 | 50 |
| " " attendance | 13 | 00 |
| George Morgan, medicines | 25 | 88 |
| Cash paid Union Store, supplies | 40 | 00 |
| C. W. Batchelder, dry goods | 8 | 10 |
| Henry Tarr, wood | 4 | 00 |
| P. H. Kavanagh, wood | 6 | 50 |
| | $127 | 98 |

### Richard Burnham.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid D. Richard & Son, supplies | 21 00 |
| J. G. Kent, wood | 3 75 |
| N. P. Perkins, wood | 14 50 |
| | $39 25 |

### Joshua Burnham.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid John Burnham, board | 3 00 |
| Town of Peabody, board and supplies, | 130 60 |
| | 133 60 |

| | |
|---|---|
| City of Boston, supplies for Sarah Wyatt, '74 | 52 94 |
| " " " " '75 | 48 00 |
| " " " " Maria Perkins | 34 35 |
| City of Lynn, supplies for Mary E. Williams, 1874 | 29 00 |
| City of Salem, supplies for F. A. Johnson and children | 2 25 |
| Town of Georgetown, support of Andrew Jackson and family | 277 60 |
| Mrs. Harriet Fisk, board of Howard Goodale | 203 00 |
| Elias Haskell, board of Harrison Williams, 55 weeks | 110 00 |
| Joseph Cook, supplies for J. A. Hyatt | 7 00 |
| Union Store, supplies for Nancy Butman | 15 00 |
| William B. Morgan, supplies furnished John King, 1867 | 8 00 |
| Total expense of the poor | $1087 97 |

### POOR TRAVELLERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid H. Alley, care of 36 poor travellers to the 1st of March, 1875 | 3 60 |
| H. Alley, care of 213 poor travellers to the 1st of March, 1876 | 25 00 |
| Union Store, supplies | 18 40 |
| | $47 00 |

# Incidental.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid S. K. Evans, Committee on new road, 1873 | $3 | 00 |
| Henry Brewer, horse & wagon, constable's use | 2 | 00 |
| " " care of prisoner | 5 | 00 |
| A. Goldthwait & Co., furniture, schoolrooms | 3 | 56 |
| Salem Press, paper, new records | 7 | 50 |
| B. H. Conant, care of town clock | 20 | 00 |
| " repairs on " | 15 | 00 |
| E. A. Lawrence, drain pipe | 30 | 60 |
| C. W. Batchelder, grading around engine house | 4 | 00 |
| H. L. Roberts, damage on carriage, Ward 8 | 4 | 85 |
| Foote & Horton, printing | 60 | 62 |
| Wellington Poole, copying records of births, deaths and marriages | 45 | 00 |
| H. H. Demsey, repairs on town pump, 1873, '74, and '75 | 7 | 50 |
| Henry Hobbs, horse hire | 2 | 50 |
| D. P. Dodge, expressing | 8 | 90 |
| Wellington Poole, administering oaths | 1 | 15 |
| " " journey out of town on account of records | 1 | 00 |
| E. P. Caswell, painting engine and schoolhouse underpinning | 4 | 00 |
| William E. Porter, watering trough | 4 | 97 |
| " " repairs on tomb and snow plough | | 75 |
| P. H. Kavanagh, packing pump | | 50 |
| A. Hodgeton, teaming drain pipe | 1 | 50 |
| Joseph Cook, returning deaths, town clerk | 4 | 00 |
| Lee & Cressey, pair of biers | 3 | 50 |
| Wellington Poole, 2 days' opposing new road | 4 | 00 |
| A. Johnson, 2½ " " " | 5 | 00 |
| Joseph Cook, 2½ " " " | 5 | 00 |
| John Gentlee, 2 " " " | 4 | 00 |
| N. P. Perkins, 2 " " " | 4 | 00 |
| Abbott Johnson, horse to Salem and Topsfield | 4 | 00 |
| John Gentlee, " " " " | 2 | 00 |
| Wellington Poole " " " " | 2 | 00 |
| S. E. Kimball, services as witness | 2 | 00 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid A. Monday, dinner for council | | 50 |
| Joseph Cook, attending court, Foster vs. Wenham | 7 | 00 |
| N. P. Perkins, " " " " | 6 | 00 |
| John Gentlee, use of horse for ditto | 3 | 00 |
| " " to pay witness fees, and barge for jury | 37 | 30 |
| A. Johnson, for horse | 1 | 25 |
| Total | $328 | 45 |

TOWN HOUSE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid T. P. Gentlee, insurance | $100 | 00 |
| Union Store, supplies | 12 | 95 |
| J. Choate, setting glass | 5 | 64 |
| Henry Hobbs, lamp burners and chimneys | 1 | 00 |
| John T. Ropes, grate and coal hod | 5 | 47 |
| C. F. Elliott, setting lock | | 25 |
| John Girdler, coal | 44 | 25 |
| Joseph Cook, clearing out furnace | 1 | 00 |
| " " care of Town Hall | 20 | 50 |
| Henry Tarr, wood | 4 | 00 |
| | $195 | 06 |

## Fire Department.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Warren Jones, labor and stock on engine house | $6 | 50 |
| Wm. E. Porter, boards for engine house | 3 | 30 |
| Wm. Peabody, labor on " " | 2 | 00 |
| P. H. Kavanagh, hauling rocks and boards | 1 | 50 |
| Daniel Homan, laying up underpinning | 7 | 00 |
| Wm. B. Morgan, use of jack-screws | 1 | 00 |
| H. Hale & Co., locks and keys | 2 | 25 |
| Chas. H. Shattuck, labor on engine | 4 | 00 |
| Owen McQueeney " " | 3 | 00 |
| Henry Hobbs, oil, straps, &c. | 5 | 00 |
| Hunneman & Co., 5 hose spanners | 2 | 50 |
| | $38 | 05 |

# Town Officers.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid N. P. Perkins, 26 days as School Committee, 1874 | $52 00 |
| N. P. Perkins, preparing school report | 5 00 |
| J. Choate, Jr., 2 1-2 days services | 5 00 |
| John Gentlee, services | 25 00 |
| | $87 00 |

## TOWN CLERK.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid Wellington Poole, services | 20 00 |
| " " recording births, deaths and marriages | 14 10 |
| " " Journey to Danvers to return vote | 2 00 |
| " " stationery and postage | 94 |
| " " posting notice adjourned town meeting | 75 |
| | $37 79 |

## TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid Warren Jones, services as treasurer, 1874 | 25 00 |
| " " paying State aid, 1874 | 6 00 |
| " " stationery and postage | 1 00 |
| " " journeys out of town | 7 00 |
| " " salary as Collector | 80 00 |
| " " paying state aid 1875 | 6 00 |
| " " stationery and postage as Collector | 5 56 |
| | $130 56 |

## ASSESSORS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid Joseph Cook, 6½ days assessing taxes | 16 25 |
| N. P. Perkins, 6½ " " | 16 25 |
| John Gentlee, 5½ " " | 13 75 |
| | $46 25 |

SELECTMEN.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid Joseph Cook, 15½ days services | 31 00 |
| " " extra services | 10 00 |
| " " journeys out of town | 7 90 |
| John Gentlee, 14½ days services | 29 00 |
| " " use of horse for the same | 12 00 |
| N. P. Perkins, 15½ days services | 31 00 |
| | $120 90 |

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid Joseph Cook, services | 10 00 |
| John Gentlee " | 8 00 |
| N. P. Perkins " | 8 00 |
| " " journeys out of town | 8 05 |
| | $34 05 |

CONSTABLES.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid Henry Alley, posting warrants | 4 00 |
| " " serving dog warrant | 3 50 |
| " " police service, July 4 | 2 50 |
| Henry Brewer, services as special police | 2 50 |
| C. H. Shattuck, " " " | 2 50 |
| | $15 00 |
| Total, for services of town officers | $471 55 |

# Abatements.

1873.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paul M. Barnes, | $2 00 |
| William Morgan | 2 00 |
| Charles Shattuck | 2 00 |
| Milton Woodman | 2 00 |
| Albert E. Day | 2 00 |
| J. W. Morgan | 2 00 |
| E. F. Standley, | 2 00 |
| Total for 1873 | $14 00 |

1874.

| | |
|---|---|
| B. P. Peals | $2 00 |
| J. H. Henderson | 2 00 |
| Albert E. Day | 2 00 |
| Horatio Norcross | 2 00 |
| H. S. Fisk | 2 00 |
| C. H. Shattuck | 2 00 |
| Albert Fisk | 2 00 |
| Aaron Scovill | 2 00 |
| Total for 1874 | $16 00 |

1875.

| | |
|---|---|
| Henry Brewer, too much personal | $2 40 |
| William Porter, " " | 6 80 |
| Walter Kimball, " " | 54 40 |
| Trustees Edmund Kimball's Estate, too much personal | 136 00 |
| Caroline Rogers, too much real estate | 1 36 |
| William Hull estate, not liable | 6 48 |
| Total for 1875 | $207 44 |
| Total for 3 years | $237 44 |

## State Aid.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash paid Eldred Webber | $72 00 |
| Philip S. Young | 72 00 |
| Angeline Beck | 8 00 |
| Mary P. Merrill | 48 00 |
| Charles H. Dwinell | 24 00 |
| Mary A. Henderson | 96 00 |
| | $320 00 |

# Summary View of Town Expenses.

| | |
|---|---|
| Schools | $1,849 04 |
| Highway Wards | 737 25 |
| Snow | 608 75 |
| Extra Highway | 924 93 |
| Poor | 1,087 97 |
| Poor Travellers | 47 00 |
| Incidentals | 328 45 |
| Town House | 195 06 |
| Town Officers | 471 55 |
| Fire Department | 38 05 |
| Abatements | 237 44 |
| State Aid | 320 00 |
| Interest | 727 31 |
| State Tax | 780 00 |
| County Tax | 535 80 |
| | $8,888 60 |

## TOWN OF WENHAM IN ACCOUNT WITH WARREN JONES, TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Dr. | To balance in the treasury, Feb. 15, 1875 | $2,510 14 |
| | " received of Co. Treasurer, dog Tax, 1874 | 80 31 |
| | " tax list of 1875, committed to him to collect | 7,646 02 |
| | " addition to tax list | 2 00 |
| | " received from State, National Bank tax | 666 61 |
| | " " " corporation tax | 120 42 |
| | " " " school fund | 231 08 |
| | " " " State aid refunded | 460 00 |
| | " " Preston Bros., Beverly, school money | 20 00 |
| | " " John D. Jones, cemetery lot | 10 00 |
| | " " Wellington Poole, 3 town histories | 3 00 |
| | " " of Co. Treasurer, dog tax, 1875 | 78 25 |
| | " " Joseph Cook, rent of Town Hall | 54 00 |
| | " " interest on taxes, 1874 | 39 13 |
| | | $11,920 96 |

TOWN OF WENHAM IN ACCOUNT WITH WARREN JONES, TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cr. By payment of State tax | | $780 00 |
| " " County tax | | 535 80 |
| " interest on Town debt and temporary loans | | 727 31 |
| " payment of Selectmen's orders | | 6,845 49 |
| | | $8,888 60 |
| Balance in treasury | | 3,032 36 |
| | | $11,920 96 |

# Financial Statement of the Town.

| | |
|---|---|
| Note due the State of Massachusetts | $6,000 00 |
| " Eliza Hobbs | 100 00 |
| " J. & A. Lowe | 1,200 00 |
| " Samuel Adams | 800 00 |
| " Samuel Porter | 200 00 |
| " Thos. P. Pingree | 1,500 00 |
| " John I. Durgin | 500 00 |
| " Trustees cemetery fund | 475 00 |
| " Interest on the same | 100 00 |
| " Donation of Edwin Mudge, monument fund | 539 40 |
| " Interest on the same | 37 75 |
| Estimate of outstanding bills | 250 00 |
| | $11,702 15 |

RESOURCES.

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance in treasury, cash and uncollected taxes | $3,032 36 |
| Due from State, State Aid, 1875 | 320 00 |
| " " " previous years | 100 00 |
| " Beverly school children | 30 00 |
| " Daniel Foster, 2d, costs of court | 37 50 |
| | $3,519 86 |
| Balance against the town | $8,182 29 |

# Abstract of the Registration Statistics of the Town of Wenham, for 1875.

## MARRIAGES.

The number of marriages recorded during the year, was 9; with 8 of the couples it was their first marriage, and with 1 the second. All were of American birth; 2 were born in Wenham; 5 were residents, and 13 were non-residents of the town, at the time of their marriage.

## BIRTHS.

The number of births was 18; 7 males and 11 females. 16 were born of American, 1 of mixed, and 1 of foreign parentage.

## DEATHS.

The number of deaths was 16; 9 males and 7 females. All were of American birth. 12 were born in Wenham; 3 were carried to other places for interment.

### AGES.

Under one year, 3; between one and ten, 1; between ten and twenty, 3; between twenty and thirty, 2; between forty and fifty, 1; between fifty and sixty, 1; between sixty and seventy, 2; between seventy and eighty, 1; between eighty and ninety, 1; over ninety, 1.

In addition to the above, 2 were brought here from Danvers for interment.

## DOGS.

Forty-seven dogs were licensed and registered for the year ending April 30, 1876; and from the amount received for licenses, the sum of eighty-seven dollars and sixty cents ($87.60) was paid into the County treasury.

WELLINGTON POOLE, Town Clerk.

# Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

ESSEX, ss.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Wenham, County of Essex.* GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Wenham, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on Monday, the sixth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles:

1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
2. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.
3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the year ensuing, and make appropriation of the same.
4. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges.
5. To see if the town will take any action to procure a pair of hay scales, or act anything thereon.
6. To see if the town will take any action to stop the water going over D. Harrigan's land, or act anything thereon.
7. To see if the town will take any action to stock Pleasant Pond with fish.
8. To see if the town will take any action to widening out the road at the east part of the town.
9. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to the soldiers for decoration day.
10. To act on any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Meeting Houses in said town, seven days before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hand this eighteenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

JOSEPH COOK,
JOHN GENTLEE,
N. P. PERKINS.
} Selectmen of Wenham.

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# SELECTMEN

OF THE

# Town of Wenham,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEB. 20, 1877,

WITH THE

## Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

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SALEM:
PRESS OF THE ESSEX COUNTY MERCURY.
1877.

# REPORT.

## School Department.

### EAST SCHOOL.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Ettie O. Patch, teaching Spring term | $84 00 |
| " " Fall " | 70 00 |
| " " Winter " | 84 00 |
| John K. Dodge, wood | 22 50 |
| | $260 50 |

### NECK SCHOOL.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid S. Abbie Green, teaching Spring term | $84 00 |
| " " Fall " | 70 00 |
| " " Winter " | 90 00 |
| Andrew Dodge, wood | 25 00 |
| Albert W. Dodge, care of school room, 1875 | 5 00 |
| Mrs. McFarlane, cleaning " | 2 00 |
| | $276 00 |

### CENTRE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Kate T. Patterson, teaching Spring term | $105 00 |
| Amanda Burnham, " Fall " | 87 50 |
| " " Winter " | 105 00 |
| John Girdler, coal | 19 25 |
| Harriet E. Merrill, sweeping school room, 1875, 1876 | 9 20 |
| W. Pool, sweeping school room, 1876 | 1 50 |
| " care of fires, winter term | 5 00 |
| Joseph Cook, " spring and fall terms | 5 00 |
| | $337 45 |

## CENTRE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Georgiana Leach, teaching Spring term | $120 00 |
| Mary E. Rogers, " Fall " | 110 00 |
| " " Winter " | 132 00 |
| John Girdler, coal | 40 00 |
| Joseph Cook, care of fires spring and fall terms. | 7 50 |
| Wellington Pool, " winter term | 7 50 |
| | $417 00 |

## WEST SCHOOL.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid L. G. Kimball, teaching, Spring term | $82 50 |
| " Fall " | 67 50 |
| " Winter " | 96 00 |
| G. W. Peabody, wood " " | 15 50 |
| W. B. Morgan, measuring wood | 10 |
| N. P. Perkins, wood, spring term | 4 50 |
| J. G. Kent, " winter " | 2 00 |
| John E. Tiney, " spring " | 1 00 |
| Sumner Brown and others, building fires, 1875 | 4 75 |
| | $273 85 |
| Total for teaching, fuel and care of rooms | $1,564 80 |

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|---|---|
| Town appropriation at annual meeting | $1,200 00 |
| At adjourned meeting transferred from appropriation for incidental expenses | 50 00 |
| From state school fund | 225 49 |
| County Treasurer, dog tax | 75 24 |
| Beverly school children | 30 00 |
| | $1,580 73 |

# Highways.

## WARD ONE.

### William Higgins, Surveyor.

| | |
|---|---|
| William Higgins | $7 45 |
| John K. Dodge | 5 15 |
| George M. Williams | 5 65 |
| Mrs. Fanny Wyatt | 1 70 |
| Mrs. Fanny Burchstead | 1 70 |

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|---|---|
| Edwin Stillman | 1 70 |
| Timothy Higgins | 3 40 |
| J. W. Higgins | 1 70 |
| | $28 45 |

## WARD TWO.

### John Gentlee, Surveyor.

| | Snow. | Highway. |
|---|---|---|
| John Gentlee | $6 80 | $20 47 |
| R. F. Dodge | 2 20 | 20 65 |
| Jacob Brown | 1 00 | 9 71 |
| John M. A. Snelling | 1 20 | 12 42 |
| T. F. Thompson | 4 40 | 12 89 |
| William Lakeman | 5 25 | 7 12 |
| Cyrus Tuttle | 3 00 | 3 40 |
| Herbert Woodbury | 2 70 | 4 57 |
| John Gentlee, gravel | | 13 20 |
| John Lear | 4 40 | |
| Charles T. Smith | 3 20 | |
| David White | 60 | |
| | $34 75 | $104 43 |

## WARD THREE.

### Samuel R. Prince, Surveyor.

| | Snow. | Highway. |
|---|---|---|
| S. R. Prince | $17 10 | $13 00 |
| S. R. Prince, gravel | | 3 68 |
| F. R. Edwards | 23 55 | 15 06 |
| F. R. Edwards, gravel | | 1 36 |
| George A. Dodge | 5 60 | 9 21 |
| Nicholas Dodge | 9 10 | 5 02 |
| W. F. Trowt | 3 30 | 8 12 |
| Andrew Dodge | | 13 36 |
| " gravel | | 7 20 |
| Mrs. L. C. Curtis | | 5 49 |
| Mrs. A. G. Pingree | | 2 38 |
| Charles O. Killham | 6 60 | 5 65 |
| George Babcock | 4 60 | 1 70 |
| A. P. Spiller | 3 90 | 1 70 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| J. P. Conant | 60 | 1 70 |
| C. E. Riva | 5 70 | 1 70 |
| Charles Wilkins | 16 34 | |
| J. E. Dodge | 5 30 | |
| J. C. Dodge | 2 50 | |
| H. Norcross | 3 10 | |
| N. Babcock | 4 33 | |
| G. D. Babcock | 2 00 | |
| George P. Choate | 10 55 | |
| W. McFarland | 1 90 | |
| Edward Standley | 3 13 | |
| N. Norcross | 1 10 | |
| H. N. Norcross | 60 | |
| | $130 90 | $96 33 |

## WARD FOUR.

### Wm. P. Dodge, Surveyor.

| | Snow. | Highway |
|---|---|---|
| Wm. P. Dodge | $20 70 | $15 33 |
| Simeon Dodge, Jr | 3 20 | 7 07 |
| George F. Dodge | 7 65 | 9 72 |
| George Brewer | 1 00 | 2 98 |
| Abraham Dodge | 4 00 | |
| T. P. Dodge | 3 00 | |
| S. P. Burnham | 70 | |
| Frank Dodge | 1 70 | |
| | $41 95 | $35 10 |

## WARD FIVE.

### Henry Patch, Surveyor.

| | Snow. | Highway. |
|---|---|---|
| Jeremiah Kavanaugh | | $17 64 |
| George W. Dodge | | 8 40 |
| Henry Brewer | | 3 40 |
| Michael Sullivan | | 15 42 |
| Martin Kavanaugh | | 7 80 |
| Milton Woodman | | 4 25 |
| Charles H. Shattuck | | 7 14 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Augustus Hutchinson | 40 | 5 10 |
| John Riggs | 5 30 | 1 70 |
| R. H. Cloutman | 40 | 3 40 |
| Daniel Brewer | 80 | 5 10 |
| Alexander Webber | 4 70 | 3 40 |
| Elbridge Kimball | 4 50 | 5 17 |
| Henry Perkins | | 87 |
| " " gravel | | 7 95 |
| Abbott Johnson | | 1 70 |
| Amos Gould | 40 | 10 85 |
| Patrick H. Kavanaugh | 14 00 | 10 07 |
| A. Webster Dodge | | 3 40 |
| Elbridge Porter | 6 35 | 3 45 |
| Henry Hobbs | | 1 70 |
| J. L. Batchelder | | 3 45 |
| William Porter | | 3 45 |
| Levi C. Hutchinson | | 2 25 |
| Frank Batchelder | | 3 45 |
| Henry Patch | 8 20 | 37 39 |
| Austin C. Patch | 4 05 | |
| Daniel Homan | 80 | |
| H. S. Clark | 40 | |
| J. Choate, jr | 60 | |
| H. Alley, jr | 40 | |
| Mrs. H. E. Pingree | 7 60 | |
| Henry Tarr | 3 20 | |
| | $62 10 | $177 90 |

## WARD SIX.

### Warren Jones, Surveyor.

| | Snow. | Highway. |
|---|---|---|
| Warren Jones | $1 00 | $4 25 |
| Eben Gould | | 3 40 |
| G. A. Pickard | 1 00 | 6 35 |
| John Caves | 1 00 | 7 30 |
| O. K. Plummer | | 3 40 |
| Frank Batchelder | | 3 75 |
| Charles Brown | 3 32 | 1 70 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| George Howe | | 50 |
| D. A. Homan | 1 30 | |
| P. M. Barnes | 1 30 | |
| Joseph Cook | 20 | |
| Frank Tarrio | 1 00 | |
| J. H. Cook | 20 | |
| M. Sullivan | 1 00 | |
| Geo. W. Jones | 3 70 | |
| M. Buckley | 3 65 | |
| C. H. Stanton | 4 20 | |
| Charles Trask | 80 | |
| Wm. Peabody | 2 97 | |
| Joseph Day | 3 57 | |
| Charles Webber | 70 | |
| Wesley Burnham | 80 | |
| F. A. Stanley | 70 | |
| M. W. Dearborn | 3 00 | |
| W. Kenney | 6 30 | |
| E. D. Brown | 1 00 | |
| | $42 71 | $30 65 |

## WARD SEVEN.

STEPHEN COOK, SURVEYOR.

| | Snow. | Highway. |
|---|---|---|
| Stephen Cook | 9 00 | 15 04 |
| Harvey Pierce | 1 20 | 6 80 |
| George W. Peabody | 8 50 | 2 88 |
| N. P. Perkins. | 60 | 8 20 |
| S. S. Cook. | 8 95 | 6 90 |
| J. H. Cook | 3 15 | 5 69 |
| John Webber | 1 30 | 1 70 |
| Est. A. F. Bagley | 2 60 | 12 71 |
| John E. Tiney | | 4 93 |
| Elbridge Dodge, | 1 10 | 6 90 |
| J. G. Kent | 1 70 | 6 84 |
| E. K. Standley | 3 10 | 8 03 |
| George A. Lane | | 6 46 |
| William Moulton | 3 00 | 1 70 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| James N. Clark | 4 60 | 47 |
| Michael Sullivan, gravel | | 3 70 |
| H. S. Cook | 3 60 | |
| E. Searchfield | 2 15 | |
| J. F. Kent | 50 | |
| J. W. Cass | 1 50 | |
| Horace Welch | 1 50 | |
| Henry S. Kent | 1 70 | |
| William B. Morgan | 5 44 | |
| William Webber | 4 20 | |
| F. P. Welch | 1 10 | |
| D. B. Rollins | 1 10 | |
| J. H. Tiney | 60 | |
| Eugene Wilkins | 1 40 | |
| | $73 59 | $98 95 |

## WARD EIGHT.

JAMES T. BROWN, SURVEYOR.

| | Snow. | Highway. |
|---|---|---|
| James T. Brown | 7 40 | 10 27 |
| E. L. Kimball | 5 10 | 7 72 |
| Joseph Wesil | 2 20 | 7 72 |
| Joseph Wesil, gravel | | 5 05 |
| Michael Hurley | | 2 55 |
| Thomas H. Clark | | 2 55 |
| J. Miles | 1 30 | |
| | $16 00 | $35 86 |

## EXTRA HIGHWAY.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid William Lakeman, extra labor Ward 2, 1875 | $ 1 20 |
| Geo. W. Parsons, plowing gutters Ward 6, 1875 | 1 50 |
| Calvin Putnam, lumber for railing, "Bomer's Hill," 1875 | 17 65 |
| Calvin Putnam, lumber for railing on Arbor St., | 4 51 |
| James H. Perkins, posts for railing on Arbor St., | 75 |
| H. H. Demsey, labor on drain in Arbor St., 1875 | 4 00 |

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|---|---|---|
| Paid Abraham Dodge, extra labor in Ward 4, 1868–'73 | 3 | 40 |
| George Roundy, lumber for "Pingree's Bridge," | 66 | 74 |
| W. F. Trowt, cash paid for nails, " " | 1 | 12 |
| " " labor on " " | 5 | 60 |
| T. P. Dodge, labor on " " | 3 | 50 |
| S. R. Prince, gravel, Ward 2, 1875 | 1 | 74 |
| John Gentlee, widening road east part of town, as per contract | 240 | 00 |
| John Gentlee, extra labor on bridge, Ward 2, | 3 | 71 |
| Wm. B. Morgan, extra labor in Ward 7, and gravel | 10 | 00 |
| Harvey S. Cook, extra labor in Ward 7 | 1 | 19 |
| George A. Bagley, raising the grade of Wenham Causeway, as per contract, 407 yards, at 25 1-2 cents per yard | 103 | 70 |
| Stephen Cook, levelling the same, nine days | 15 | 30 |
| George A. Bagley, labor, surface grading Wenham Causeway | 13 | 30 |
| N. P. Perkins, surface grad'g Wenham Causeway | 9 | 60 |
| James N. Clark, " " " " | 6 | 65 |
| Stephen Cook, " " " " | 3 | 40 |
| John Webber, " " " " | 1 | 70 |
| William Moulton, " " " " | 1 | 70 |
| F. R. Edwards, extra labor, Ward 3, and gravel | 6 | 95 |
| Nicholas Dodge, " " " | 1 | 70 |
| George A. Dodge, " " " | 1 | 70 |
| S. R. Prince, " " " | 1 | 70 |
| W. F. Trowt, " " " | 5 | 15 |
| | $539 | 16 |

## Poor Department.

MRS. MARGARET GIFFORD.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid John Biggs, house rent | $23 00 |
| John Biggs, preparing wood | 7 50 |
| John Biggs, attendance | 14 00 |
| G. W. Parsons, wood | 6 50 |
| P. H. Kavanaugh, wood | 3 25 |
| Henry Patch, wood | 3 25 |

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|---|---|---|
| Paid John Riggs, wood | 3 | 25 |
| George W. Peabody, wood, 1875 | 9 | 75 |
| Union Store supplies | 45 | 00 |
| Charles W. Batchelder, dry goods | 5 | 07 |
| Charles W. Batchelder, medicine | 11 | 48 |
| Andrew Geyer, medicine | 9 | 75 |
| C. P. Benton, medicine | 2 | 45 |
| Dr. J. L. Robinson, medical attendance | 5 | 00 |
| Joseph Cook, cash paid | | 50 |
| Matilda Standley, cleaning rooms | 1 | 30 |
| James H. Perkins, meat, 1875 | 11 | 03 |
| James H. Perkins, meat, 1876 | 13 | 88 |
| | $175 | 96 |

KIMBALL DREW.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Joseph Cook, cash paid for clothing | $10 | 87 |
| James L. Dodge, board | 9 | 50 |
| | $19 | 87 |

FAMILY OF CYRUS TUTTLE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Union Store, supplies, 1875 | $30 | 32 |
| " " " 1876–77 | 40 | 30 |
| | $70 | 62 |

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|---|---|---|
| Paid Harriet F. Fisk, board of Howard Goodale | $182 | 85 |
| Elias Haskell, board of Harrison M. Williams | 106 | 00 |
| Union Store, supplies to Nancy Butman | 45 | 00 |
| N. P. Perkins, wood supplied to Richard Burnham | 10 | 50 |
| City of Boston, supplies for Sarah Wyatt | 50 | 10 |
| Town of Peabody, board and funeral expenses of Joshua Burnham | 60 | 84 |
| Jos. Cook, services at burial of Joshua Burnham | 5 | 00 |
| Town of Georgetown, supplies to family of John A. Hoyt | 19 | 58 |
| Town of Georgetown, supplies to Andrew Jackson | 9 | 00 |
| Town of Beverly, supplies to Geo. W. Babcock. | 61 | 90 |
| Total expense of Poor | $817 | 22 |

POOR TRAVELLERS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid John E. Tiney, lodging and supplies | $ 2 | 00 |
| John Riggs, lodging three men and three women. | 4 | 50 |
| Henry Alley, care of poor travellers to March 1st, 1877 | 20 | 00 |
| Union Store, supplies | 15 | 74 |
| | $42 | 24 |

## Incidental.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Chas E. Riva, services as committee on new road 1873 | $ 3 | 00 |
| Benj. H. Conant, care of Town clock, 1 year | 20 | 00 |
| Jeremiah Kavanaugh, balance of Bomer Hill contract, 1875 | 27 | 50 |
| Jeremiah Kavanaugh, labor grading same, 1875. | 8 | 80 |
| " services as witness, opposing new road, 1875 | 8 | 00 |
| John H. Cook, expressing and cash paid, 1875 | 4 | 50 |
| Hooper A. Appleton, surveying in Ward three, for use in case of Daniel Foster, 2d, vs. Town of Wenham | 2 | 00 |
| Elbridge Porter, appropriation for Decoration Day | 50 | 00 |
| Foote & Horton, printing | 59 | 16 |
| Jason Clark, repairing town pump, bier, &c | 2 | 65 |
| Daniel P. Dodge, expressing and cash paid | 5 | 71 |
| E. C. Dodge, " " | | 75 |
| Union Store, stationery for Collector and Selectmen | 4 | 48 |
| Daniel Bradbury, sharpening picks | | 70 |
| W. Pool, copying records, births, deaths and marriages | 55 | 00 |
| W. Pool, repairing records and journeys to Salem on account of same | 6 | 45 |
| W. Pool, cash paid for dog licenses | | 50 |
| " " postage, &c., in exchange of town histories with Town of Reading | | 57 |
| W. Pool, administering oaths | 1 | 00 |

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|---|---|---|
| Paid C. W. Batchelder, pass books for surveyors..... | | 35 |
| Chas. W. Batchelder, telegraphing for Selectmen | | 25 |
| Jeremiah Choate, Jr., painting and lettering guide boards..... | 3 | 00 |
| H. H. Demsey, repairs on town pump and sharpening picks..... | 3 | 75 |
| S. B. Ives, Jr., counsel fees in case of Daniel Foster, 2d, vs. Town of Wenham..... | 150 | 00 |
| N. P. Perkins, 4 days perambulating town lines | 7 | 00 |
| W. F. Trowt, making guide boards..... | 2 | 00 |
| " 3 days perambulating town lines. | 6 | 00 |
| | $433 | 12 |

## Incidentals for Schools.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Ettie O. Patch, cash paid for setting glass and for water pail..... | | 45 |
| Edwin Stillman, repairs on school buildings.... | 1 | 00 |
| George H. Wyatt, brooms, 1873, 1874, 1875... | 2 | 02 |
| John Gentlee, supplies for Neck school ..... | | 64 |
| Mary E. Rogers, cash paid for call bell for grammar school ..... | 1 | 25 |
| N. P. Perkins, cash paid for lock, Grammar school..... | | 30 |
| M. Sullivan, cleaning out privy, 1875, 1876.... | 2 | 25 |
| L. G. Kimball, supplies for West school..... | | 35 |
| John E. Tiney, repairs " ..... | 1 | 59 |
| Thomas H. Clark, dirt pans, water pails, &c., for schools..... | 3 | 00 |
| I. L. Hammett, ink wells..... | 1 | 88 |
| W. O. Haskell & Son, blackboard liquid..... | 4 | 15 |
| J. Choate, Jr., painting blackboards, &c..... | 6 | 90 |
| Union Store. brooms, pails, &c..... | 1 | 42 |
| Chas. W. Batchelder, book, chalk, ink, erasers, &c., East School..... | 5 | 50 |
| Chas. W. Batchelder, books, chalk, ink, erasers, &c., Neck School..... | 10 | 76 |
| Chas. W. Batchelder, books, chalk, ink, erasers, &c., Primary School..... | 6 | 10 |

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|---|---|---|
| Paid Chas. W. Batchelder, books, chalk, ink, erasers, &c., Grammar School | | 7 83 |
| Chas. W. Batchelder, books, chalk, ink, erasers, &c., West School | | 4 58 |
| Brewer & Tileston, books for teachers' use, and for scholars unable to buy, 7 50; Books on hand for future use, 7 00 | | 14 50 |
| | | $76 47 |

## Town House.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Eben P. Caswell, labor, topping out chimney, cleaning plastering, &c | $6 | 25 |
| Charles H. Shattuck, tending masons on chimney | 3 | 00 |
| Warren Jones, lumber and labor on steps | 5 | 20 |
| Calvin Putnam, labor for same | 3 | 51 |
| Isaac Porter, repairs, 1875 | 2 | 05 |
| J. Choate, Jr., setting glass, labor on funnel, &c. | 9 | 34 |
| Daniel Bradbury, repairs on furnace, &c | 1 | 67 |
| H. H. Demsey, bricks for chimney | | 75 |
| C. M. Buffum & Co., wood saw | | 87 |
| " " " locks, lamp shears, &c | 1 | 55 |
| W. A. Ireland, lamp chimneys | 1 | 10 |
| S. B. Waite, lamps, brackets, large feather dusters, &c, | 10 | 00 |
| Jason Clark, repairs on locks and doors | 1 | 25 |
| " " " " " table and chairs | 3 | 50 |
| " " " " " 38 settees | 30 | 00 |
| " " making double saw horse | 1 | 50 |
| Union Store, oil, chimneys, lamps-wicks, &c | 17 | 52 |
| Henry Patch, wood | 6 | 50 |
| John Girdler, coal | 39 | 25 |
| Joseph Cook, care of hall | 30 | 50 |
| Henry A. Cook, " " " | 9 | 50 |
| Wellington Pool " " " | 19 | 50 |
| " " care of room for town officers | 1 | 20 |
| " " setting posts, moving settees, &c | | 70 |
| | $206 | 21 |

## Stocking Pleasant Pond with Fish.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid State of Mass. lease of pond for 15 years | $ 10 | 00 |
| Stone & Hooper, 50 black bass and transportation | 150 | 00 |
| P. H. Cavanaugh, hauling fish from depot to pond, ice, &c | 2 | 00 |
| J. W. Littlefield, staples and wire netting | 9 | 50 |
| Isaac Porter, making four sign boards | 2 | 50 |
| George A. Parsons, painting signs | 4 | 00 |
| James H. Perkins, labor on screens, posts, lumber, expressing, &c | 5 | 95 |
| | $183 | 95 |

## Fire Department.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Isaac Porter, hauling hose carriage to Danvers, 1873 | $ 2 | 00 |
| Geo. W. Parsons, lumber for repairing engine house | 1 | 12 |
| Henry Alley, labor on engine house and engine | 2 | 00 |
| S. K. Evans, labor on engine | 1 | 00 |
| H. S. Clark, " " " | 2 | 25 |
| Edward F. Hobbs, " " " | 2 | 60 |
| John Caves, " " " | 2 | 30 |
| " " hauling engine to pond | | 50 |
| O. E. McQueeny, repairs on hose and fire buckets | 2 | 50 |
| Hunneman & Co., packing material | | 94 |
| Abbott Johnson, watching fire, I. Roberts's barn | 1 | 50 |
| Union Store, refreshments for firemen at I. Roberts's fire | 4 | 90 |
| | $23 | 61 |

## Town Officers.

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid John Gentlee, services to March 1, 1876 | $25 | 00 |
| J. Choate, Jr., six days' services to Mch. 1, 1876 | 12 | 00 |
| " " cash paid to March 1, 1876 | 1 | 60 |
| N. P. Perkins, 26 days' service to March 1, 1876 | 50 | 00 |
| " " preparing school report and school returns | 5 | 00 |
| | $93 | 60 |

## TOWN CLERK.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Wellington Pool, salary for the year | $20 | 00 |
| " " Recording births, deaths and marriages | 18 | 15 |
| " " Stationery and postage | 1 | 07 |
| | $39 | 22 |

## TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Warren Jones, services as Treasurer, 1875 | $25 | 00 |
| " " postage and journey to Salem, 1875, | 1 | 00 |
| " " seven months services as Treasurer and paying State aid, 1876 | 17 | 50 |
| " journeys out of town and postage, 1876 | 3 | 75 |
| | $47 | 25 |
| Paid Henry Patch, five months' service as Treasurer | $ 8 | 35 |
| " " paying State aid | 2 | 50 |
| " " postage and stationery | 1 | 50 |
| " " journeys out of town | 5 | 05 |
| " " salary as Collector, 1876 | 64 | 00 |
| | $81 | 40 |

## SELECTMEN.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Joseph Cook, services as Selectman | $11 | 80 |
| N. P. Perkins, 19 1-2 days' service, at $1.60 per day | 31 | 20 |
| N. P. Perkins, incidental service and cash paid | 3 | 35 |
| W. F. Trowt, 17 1-2 days' service, at $1.60 per day | 28 | 00 |
| John Gentlee, distributing town reports, 1875 | 2 | 00 |
| | $76 | 35 |

## ASSESSORS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Joseph Cook, 5 1-2 days service | $11 | 00 |
| N. P. Perkins, 7 " " | 14 | 00 |
| W. F. Trowt, 7 " " | 14 | 00 |
| | $39 | 00 |

## OVERSEERS OF POOR.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Joseph Cook, services | $4 00 |
| N. P. Perkins, services for the year | 6 00 |
| " " journeys out of town | 3 00 |
| W. F. Trowt, services for the year | 6 00 |
| | $19 00 |

## CONSTABLES AND SPECIAL POLICE.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Henry Brewer, service, 1875, 1876 | $ 5 00 |
| " extra service to confine dogs | 4 00 |
| George W. Parsons, service as special police, 1875, 1876 | 5 00 |
| Charles H. Shattuck, service as special police, July 4, 1876 | 2 50 |
| Michael Buckley, services as special police, July 4, 1876 | 2 50 |
| Henry Alley, service as special police, July 4, 1876 | 2 00 |
| Henry Alley, serving dog warrant | 3 50 |
| " posting 3 warrants for Town meetings | 2 50 |
| | $27 00 |
| Total for services of Town Officers | $422 82 |

# Abatements.

### 1874.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paul M. Barnes, part of poll | 70 |
| Frank Tarrio, " | 1 00 |
| Herbert Woodbury, 1 poll | 2 00 |
| Richard H. Cloutman, 1 poll | 2 00 |
| | $5 70 |

### 1875.

| | |
|---|---|
| Herbert Woodbury, 1 poll | 2 00 |
| Albert E. Day, " | 2 00 |
| John H. Tyler, " | 2 00 |
| David White, " | 2 00 |

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|---|---|---|
| Charles Abbott, | 1 poll | 2 00 |
| Paul M. Barnes, | " | 2 00 |
| Elijah Durland, | " | 2 00 |
| Levi C. Hutchinson, | " | 2 00 |
| Owen E. McQueeny, | " | 2 00 |
| Frank Tarrio, | " | 2 00 |
| R. H. Cloutman, | " | 2 00 |
| A. B. Robinson, poll and personal | | 2 68 |
| Heirs of Henry Wyatt | " | 68 |
| Edward Hall, poll and personal | | 2 30 |
| Capt. Edmund Kimball, too much real estate | | 19 26 |
| George E. Morgan, personal estate | | 12 88 |
| A. R. Fisk, | " | 15 04 |
| Charles Merrill, | " | 1 36 |
| Anna Kimball, | " | 27 20 |
| Heirs of Levi Dodge, real estate | | 4 08 |
| G. W. Peabody, too much personal, 1874 | | 1 00 |
| " " " 1875 | | 1 36 |
| | | $115 54 |

1876.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chas. E. Abbott, | 1 poll | 2 00 |
| John P. Dodge, | " | 2 00 |
| Albert E. Day, | " | 2 00 |
| Winslow Day, | " | 2 00 |
| John Flint, | " | 2 00 |
| John Harrigan, not liable | | 2 00 |
| E. F. Hobbs, | 1 poll | 2 00 |
| Chas. Merrill, | " | 2 00 |
| E. A. Monies, | " | 2 00 |
| Gideon D. Moore, | " | 2 00 |
| Wm. G. Pingree, | " | 2 00 |
| John J. Weatherbee, | 1 poll | 2 00 |
| Richard Yeo, | " | 2 00 |
| Josiah Crowell, | " | 2 00 |
| Frank Tarrio, | " | 2 00 |
| Heirs of Levi Dodge, not liable | | 3 36 |
| George Flint, too much real estate | | 76 |
| Warren Jones, | " " | 56 |
| John C. Richards, | " " | 56 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Harvey Pierce, too much personal estate | 56 |
| Mary B. Robbins; " " " | 11 20 |
| Addison Gage & Co., " " | 44 80 |
| Abigail Edwards, not liable | 5 60 |
| William Peabody too much real estate | 2 24 |
| Frank A. Standley " " | 2 80 |
| | $102 44 |

## State Aid.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Eldred Webber | $72 00 |
| Philip S. Young | 72 00 |
| Mary P. Merrill | 48 00 |
| Mary A. Henderson | 96 00 |
| | $288 00 |

## Summary of Town Expenses.

| | |
|---|---|
| Schools, teaching, fuel, and care of rooms | $1,564 80 |
| Incidentals for schools | 76 47 |
| Highway wards | 607 67 |
| Clearing snow | 402 00 |
| Extra highway | 539 16 |
| Poor | 817 22 |
| Poor Travellers | 42 24 |
| Incidentals | 433 12 |
| Town House and Hall | 206 21 |
| Town Officers | 422 82 |
| Fire Department | 23 61 |
| Stocking Pleasant Pond with fish | 183 95 |
| State Aid | 288 00 |
| Abatements on Warren Jones' tax list, 1874-75 | 115 54 |
| Interest paid by Warren Jones on Town debt | 310 50 |
| " on Cemetery fund by Warren Jones | 81 50 |
| " " Henry Patch | 18 90 |
| Interest paid on Town debt by " | 419 25 |
| Abatements on tax list for 1876 | 102 44 |
| State Tax | 594 00 |
| County Tax | 490 70 |
| | $7,740 10 |

# Treasurer's Account.

## WARREN JONES, COLLECTOR AND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF WENHAM.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Dr. | To balance in Treasury, Feb. 18th, 1875 .... | $3,032 | 36 |
| | cash received from Alexander Webber, part payment, cemetery lot..... .. | 3 | 00 |
| | cash rec'd from E. Porter, unexpended balance, appropriation for decoration day, | 21 | 70 |
| | received interest on taxes for 1873, 1874, and 1875..... ... | 136 | 28 |
| | | $3,193 | 34 |
| Cr. | By payment of Selectmen's orders..... | $1,755 | 13 |
| | payment of interest on town debt..... | 310 | 50 |
| | back interest on cemetery fund..... | 81 | 50 |
| | cash paid to Henry Patch..... ..... | 1,018 | 03 |
| | *Uncollected tax..... ..... ... | 28 | 18 |
| | | $3,193 | 34 |

## HENRY PATCH, TREASURER AND COLLECTOR, IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF WENHAM.

| | Dr. |
|---|---|
| To cash received from Warren Jones, former treas'r | $1,018 03 |
| " Tax list of 1876, committed to him to collect.. | 6,423 52 |
| " Additions to tax list..... | 12 00 |
| Received from State National Bank tax..... | 449 86 |
| " " " corporation tax..... | 69 79 |
| " " " State school fund..... | 225 49 |
| " " County Treasurer, dog tax..... | 75 24 |
| " " State, State aid refunded..... | 319 87 |
| " " Beverly school children. ..... | 30 00 |
| " " Joseph Cook, rent of town hall.... | 63 40 |
| " " Henry A Cook, " " " .... | 20 69 |
| " " Wellington Pool, " " " .... | 37 78 |
| " " Interest on taxes, 1876 ..... | 35 36 |
| " " Daniel Foster, 2d, cost of court..... | 34 60 |
| | $8,815 63 |

*The above tax, with interest on the same, is due from George W. Peabody.

| | Cr. |
|---|---|
| By payment of Selectmen's orders. | $4,070 12 |
| " " of Interest on town debt and cemetery fund | 438 15 |
| " " " State tax. | 594 00 |
| " " " County tax | 490 70 |
| " " " Thomas P. Pingree, note | 1,500 00 |
| " " " Samuel Adams, note | 800 00 |
| " Cash in treasury | 874 68 |
| " Uncollected taxes | 47 98 |
| | $8,815 63 |

# Financial Statement of the Town.

| | |
|---|---|
| Note due the State of Massachusetts | $6,000 00 |
| " J. & A. Lowe | 1200 00 |
| " Samuel Porter | 200 00 |
| " John I. Durgin | 500 00 |
| " Eliza Hobbs | 100 00 |
| " Trustees Cemetery Fund | 475 00 |
| " Interest on the same | 57 00 |
| " Donation of Edwin Mudge, "Monument fund" | 539 40 |
| " Interest on the same | 32 36 |
| " Estimated amount of outstanding bills | 100 00 |
| | $9203 76 |

## RESOURCES.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash balance in the treasury | $ 874 68 |
| Due from Henry Patch, Collector, 1876 | 47 98 |
| " Warren Jones, Collector, 1875 | 28 18 |
| " State, State aid for 1876 | 288 00 |
| " State, State aid for previous years | 100 00 |
| " Beverly school children | 36 00 |
| | $1,374 84 |
| Balance against the town | 7,828 92 |

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|---|---|
| Balance against the town last year | 8,182 29 |
| Balance against the town the present year | 7,828 92 |
| Reduction of debt | $353 37 |

The prompt collection of the taxes has enabled the town to pay notes held against it to the amount of $2,300.00, leaving a balance in the treasury of $874.68, which it is believed will be sufficient to pay the ordinary expenses of the town during the early part of the year.

Of the amount due on the tax list of 1876, ($47.98,) $26.90 is due from an estate the occupant of which has died since the tax was assessed, and which cannot be collected until a certain time has elapsed. The balance of $21.08 is mostly due on poll taxes.

N. P. PERKINS, } Selectmen of
W. F. TROWT, } Wenham.

# Town Clerk's Report, 1876.

## MARRIAGES.

The number of Marriages recorded during the year, was 5; with all of them it was their first marriage, and all were of American birth. 4 were born in Wenham, and were residents of the town at the time of their marriage.

## BIRTHS.

The number of Births was 19; 9 males and 10 females; 13 were born of American, 3 of mixed, and 3 of foreign parentage.

Ernest Centennial, son of James T. and Sarah E. Brown, was born on the 4th of July.

## DEATHS.

The number of deaths was 22; 11 males and 11 females. All but one were of American birth. 11 were born in Wenham. 10 were removed to other places for interment.

## AGES.

Under one year, 4; between ten and twenty, 4; between twenty and thirty, 1; between thirty and forty, 1; between forty and fifty, 1; between fifty and sixty, 1; between sixty

and seventy, 2; between seventy and eighty, 2; between eighty and ninety, 6. In addition to the above, 2 were brought here from other places for interment.

Austin Morrill, of this town, and his cousin, Clarence Henry Peirce, of Beverly Farms, were both accidentally drowned in Coy's Pond, in East Wenham, on the 15th of April; the former in his 14th, and the latter in his 19th year.

Samuel Ober, in his 72d year, was killed by lightning on the evening of the 22d of May, while he and his wife were sitting together in their own house.

Annie F., daughter of Henry and Clarissa Alley, died of hydrophobia on the 30th of May, in her 11th year. She was bitten in the hand, at home, on the fourth of the preceding March, by a white Spitz dog kept in the neighborhood.

## DOGS.

Forty-six dogs were licensed and registered; and from the amount received for licenses, the sum of eighty-five dollars and eighty cents, ($85.80,) was paid into the County Treasury. The amount returned to the town was $75.24.

WELLINGTON POOL, Town Clerk.

# Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

ESSEX, ss.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Wenham, County of Essex,* GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Wenham, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on MONDAY, the Fifth Day of March Next, at NINE o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles:—

1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the year ensuing, and to make appropriation of the same.

4. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges.

5. To see if the town will vote to widen the bridge over Wenham pond brook, where it crosses the main road, or act anything thereon.

6. To see if the town will vote to reduce the grade of the hill near P. H. Kavanaugh's ice houses, in Ward Six, or act anything thereon.

7. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to buy a gravel pit in Ward Five, or act anything thereon.

8. To see if the town will make an appropriation to continue the widening of the road at the east part of the town, or act anything thereon.

9. To hear the report of the Selectmen on the petition of Wm. S. Cummings and others, that a town way be laid out over "Perkins' Lane," (so called,) to an open way on the westerly side thereof, over land of Isaac Porter, and from thence running westerly by the open way over said Porter's land to Arbor Street, so called, and to act thereon.

10. To act on the petition of Lyman Littlefield and others, for a town way, to commence at the open way over Isaac Porter's land, and to terminate at some point near the Depot.

11. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to be added to the "Soldiers' Monument Fund."

12. To see if the town will vote to compel owners and keepers of dogs, to muzzle such animals when they are away from the premises of their owner or keepers, or act anything thereon.

13. To see what action the town will take in regard to leading horses or cattle on the sidewalks.

14. To act on any other business that may lawfully come before them.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the meeting-houses in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Twentieth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.

N. P. PERKINS, } Selectmen of
W. F. TROWT, } Wenham.

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# SELECTMEN

OF THE

# Town of Wenham,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEB. 20, 1878,

WITH THE

## Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

SALEM:
PRESS OF THE ESSEX COUNTY MERCURY.
1878.

# REPORT.

## School Department.

### EAST SCHOOL.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Lizzie D. Williams, teaching Spring term | $48 00 |
| " " " " Fall " | 40 00 |
| " " " " Winter " | 72 00 |
| John K. Dodge, wood | 20 00 |
| " " " lumber for fence | 3 23 |
| John Gentlee, setting glass, repairing fence, &c. | 3 78 |
| Ettie O. Patch, cash paid for book, 1876 | 1 00 |
| J. Choate, Jr , painting blackboards | 1 50 |
| E. D. Stillman, building fires 2 years | 10 00 |
| C. W. Batchelder, ink and books | 95 |
| | $200 46 |

### NECK SCHOOL.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid S. A. Green, teaching Spring term | $99 00 |
| " " " Fall " | 82 50 |
| " " " Winter " | 109 00 |
| Chas. Wilkins, wood | 18 00 |
| Walter Stevens, care of school-room, 1876 | 5 00 |
| S. A. Green, cash paid for care of school-room and for door key | 2 80 |
| C. W. Batchelder, ink, chalk, &c. | 1 80 |
| | $318 10 |

### CENTRE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Amanda Burnham, teaching Spring term | $108 00 |
| " " " Fall " | 90 00 |
| " " " Winter " | 114 00 |
| Paid Wellington Pool, sweeping school-room | 9 35 |
| A. S. Taylor, coal | 10 50 |
| C. W. Batchelder, chalk, ink, books, &c. | 4 08 |
| | $335 93 |

## CENTRE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Laura H. Lake, teaching Spring term | $120 00 |
| " " " " Fall " | 100 00 |
| " " " " Winter " | 120 00 |
| Chas. W. Batchelder, books, ink, chalk, &c. | 6 01 |
| A. S. Taylor, coal | 40 00 |
| W. Pool, building fires for grammar and primary schools | 25 00 |
| | $411 01 |

## WEST SCHOOL.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid L. G. Kimball, teaching Spring term | $102 00 |
| " " " Fall " | 85 00 |
| " " " Winter " | 106 25 |
| J. E. Tiney, building fires, 1876 | 5 00 |
| " " repairs | 1 50 |
| C. W. Batchelder, books, ink, &c. | 5 85 |
| Geo. W. Peabody, wood | 14 20 |
| John E. Tiney, measuring wood | 15 |
| Calvin Putnam, lumber for privy | 12 19 |
| N. P. Perkins, hauling lumber | 1 00 |
| C. M. Buffum & Co., nails and hinges | 1 10 |
| Wm. B. Morgan, 5 days labor building privy | 12 50 |
| " " stock for the same | 2 64 |
| | $349 38 |

# Highways.

## WARD ONE.

GEORGE M. WILLIAMS, SURVEYOR.

| | Snow, 1876. | Snow | Highway. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Geo. M. Williams | $ 4 72 | $3 00 | $5 50 |
| John K. Dodge | 10 65 | 6 45 | 6 85 |
| William Higgins | 2 10 | 1 40 | 3 45 |
| Mrs. Fanny Burchstead | | | 3 40 |
| Benjamin F. Burchstead | 50 | 1 60 | 1 70 |
| Addison Williams | | 1 60 | 1 70 |
| W. H. Beck | | 1 50 | 1 70 |
| Edwin Stillman | 1 60 | 3 00 | 1 70 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| John W. Higgins | | | 1 70 |
| Timothy Higgins | | | 1 70 |
| Andrew Standley, gravel | | | 4 60 |
| Alfonso Day | | 1 50 | |
| Philip Morrill | | 1 20 | |
| Henry Dodge | | 1 60 | |
| Geo. D. Batchelder | | 1 40 | |
| Zebra Ayers | | 1 50 | |
| | $19 57 | $25 75 | $34 00 |

## WARD TWO.

### Jacob Brown, Surveyor.

| | Snow. | Highway. |
|---|---|---|
| Jacob Brown | $9 40 | $15 79 |
| R. Frank Dodge | | 22 75 |
| John Gentlee | 3 40 | 11 25 |
| Thomas F. Thompson | 4 40 | 14 05 |
| George W. Johnson | 3 00 | 10 35 |
| William Lakeman | 7 00 | 5 40 |
| Herbert Woodbury | 4 48 | 5 55 |
| Cyrus Tuttle | 6 00 | |
| John Lear | 5 35 | |
| Chas. T. Smith | 3 90 | |
| | $46 93 | $85 14 |

## WARD THREE.

### Charles Wilkins, Surveyor.

| | Snow, 1877. | Snow. | Highway. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Geo. A. Dodge | | $2 10 | $10 30 |
| S. R. Prince | 1 40 | 3 20 | 10 55 |
| Zachariah Cole | | 2 90 | 11 90 |
| F. R. Edwards | | 3 40 | 13 52 |
| Chas. Wilkins | | 5 00 | 11 64 |
| Nicholas Dodge | 90 | 3 70 | 3 40 |
| George Babcock | | 4 00 | 2 55 |
| Chas. O. Kilham | | 3 70 | 3 40 |
| Arthur P. Spiller | | | 2 55 |
| Mrs. A. Pingree | | 1 90 | 3 40 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| John P. Conant | 4 00 | 2 55 |
| Jacob E. Dodge | 2 00 | |
| Geo. O. Eldridge | 7 40 | 5 15 |
| W. F. Trowt | 4 50 | 1 70 |
| F. R. Edwards, gravel | | 5 00 |
| Chas. Wilkins, " | | 4 86 |
| George D. Babcock | 3 60 | |
| Hiram C. Norcross | 3 60 | |
| Nelson Babcock | 4 20 | |
| Geo. P. Choate | 2 60 | |
| W. A. Stevens | 3 00 | |
| Chas. E. Riva | 3 20 | |
| Wm. G. Pingree | 30 | |
| H. N. Norcross | 2 80 | |
| H. N. Norcross, Jr. | 3 70 | |
| | $2 30 | $74 80 | $92 47 |

## WARD FOUR.

WILLIAM P. DODGE, SURVEYOR.

| | Snow. | Highway. |
|---|---|---|
| G. F. Dodge | $3 12 | $12 05 |
| Simeon Dodge, Jr. | 7 10 | 6 90 |
| Wm. P. Dodge | 9 22 | 10 35 |
| T. P. Dodge | 4 45 | 3 40 |
| Dennis Harrigan | | 3 40 |
| Geo. Brewer | 3 60 | 1 70 |
| Chas. Wilkins, gravel | | 2 77 |
| F. R. Edwards, " | | 2 29 |
| W. P. Dodge, teaming and labor on drain pipe | | 2 54 |
| Abraham Dodge | 4 95 | |
| Fred. Brewer | 3 55 | |
| Edward Brewer | 3 30 | |
| Edward F. Standley | 6 00 | |
| S. P. Burnham | 2 70 | |
| Isaac Porter | 2 80 | |
| B. F. Young | 2 80 | |
| Henry Alley | 2 80 | |
| John Harrigan | 2 80 | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Arthur Harrigan | 2 80 | |
| Moses D. Wilkins | 1 00 | |
| Chas. A. Wilkins | 70 | |
| | $63 69 | $45 40 |

## WARD FIVE.

P. H. Cavanagh, Surveyor.

| | Snow. | Highway. |
|---|---|---|
| P. H. Cavanagh | $12 80 | $59 50 |
| Geo. W. Dodge | | 6 12 |
| E. C. Dodge | | 11 20 |
| Jeremiah Cavanagh | 6 80 | 22 16 |
| Henry Patch | | 12 07 |
| Abbott Johnson | | 20 55 |
| Joseph L. Batchelder | 2 00 | 13 42 |
| Frank Batchelder | 1 40 | 4 90 |
| Henry Tarr | 2 40 | 5 95 |
| William Hutchinson | 80 | 5 95 |
| Frank Walton | | 5 10 |
| Alexander Webber | 1 60 | 5 95 |
| Arthur Harrigan | | 1 25 |
| R. H. Cloutman | | 5 95 |
| John Brewer | | 2 55 |
| John Riggs | 1 60 | 5 10 |
| Joseph B. Woodman | 1 50 | 1 70 |
| Jedry Munday | | 2 55 |
| Daniel Homan | 1 80 | |
| Chas. H. Shattuck | 1 80 | |
| Levi A. Hutchinson | 1 80 | |
| D. P. Brewer | 1 60 | |
| H. S. Clark | 1 60 | |
| Otis A. Clark | 1 60 | |
| Michael Sullivan | 4 50 | |
| Wm. S. Cummings | 3 00 | |
| George Porter | 1 40 | |
| Elbridge Porter | 30 | |
| Levi Ham | 1 00 | |
| Paul M. Barnes | 1 60 | |
| | $52 90 | $191 97 |

## WARD SIX.

### Warren Jones, Surveyor.

| | Snow. | Highway. |
|---|---|---|
| Joseph Day | $1 60 | $10 30 |
| Eben Gould | 1 60 | 3 40 |
| Wm. Kenney | 1 60 | 3 40 |
| Wm. Peabody | | 1 72 |
| Warren Jones | 1 60 | 11 17 |
| George Howe | 1 60 | 3 40 |
| Wesley Burnham | 1 60 | |
| D. A. Homan | 1 60 | |
| John Caves | 1 60 | |
| Henry A. Cook | 1 60 | |
| Chas. Dudley | 1 60 | |
| Chas. Brown | 1 60 | |
| Elnathan Brown | 1 60 | |
| Brown | 1 60 | |
| G. A. Pickard | 1 60 | |
| Everett Day | 1 60 | |
| Moses Dearborn | 1 60 | |
| George W. Jones | 1 60 | |
| P. H. Cavanagh | 1 80 | |
| | $29 00 | $33 39 |

## WARD SEVEN.

### Stephen Cook, Surveyor.

| | Snow. | Highway. |
|---|---|---|
| Stephen Cook | $6 40 | $18 02 |
| J. H. Cook | 4 00 | 1 70 |
| S. S. Cook | 5 50 | 1 75 |
| J. G. Kent | 1 60 | 5 40 |
| Harvey Pierce | | 5 10 |
| N. P. Perkins | 1 60 | 3 95 |
| H. S. Kent | 2 00 | 1 70 |
| Geo. W. Peabody | 9 10 | 5 15 |
| L. Thompson | | 1 14 |
| John Legro | 5 60 | 6 65 |
| James N. Clark | 5 65 | 6 40 |
| Estate of A. F. Bagley | 6 30 | 6 97 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| E. K. Standley | 3 80 | 6 65 |
| Horace Welch | 3 00 | 2 40 |
| Harvey S. Cook | 2 30 | 1 70 |
| Wm. Moulton | 4 20 | 4 76 |
| Wm. Webber | | 1 70 |
| M. Sullivan, gravel | | 7 00 |
| George Flint, " | | 4 55 |
| Everett C. Cook | 2 10 | |
| Joel Wilkins | 3 40 | |
| Eugene Wilkins | 3 40 | |
| Walter Wilkins | 3 40 | |
| J. K. Kent. | 5 50 | |
| S. E. Kimball. | 1 27 | |
| Hiram Roberts | 3 60 | |
| Edward C. Hall | 80 | |
| Elbridge A. Dodge | 2 00 | |
| | $86 52 | $92 69 |

## WARD EIGHT.

EDWARD L. KIMBALL, SURVEYOR.

| | Snow.* | Highway. |
|---|---|---|
| Edward L. Kimball | | 11 17 |
| Charles E. Kimball | | 4 25 |
| James T. Brown | | 12 87 |
| Joseph Wesel | | 5 15 |
| Hayward & Perry | | 4 25 |
| | | 37 69 |

## EXTRA HIGHWAY.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Jeremiah Kavanagh, widening road at east part of the town, as per contract | $114 00 |
| P. H. Kavanagh, grading the same as per contract, 105 yards gravel, at 25 cents per yd. | 26 25 |
| W. F. Trowt, levelling the same | 2 55 |
| John Gentlee, gravel | 8 40 |
| " " building wall and way to Charles Moulton's land | 3 60 |

* Bills not received.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid P. H. Kavanagh, lot of stone for Pond bridge.. | 37 00 |
| " " hauling the same to bridge.... | 18 40 |
| " " setting posts at bridge..... | 2 55 |
| " " hauling loose rocks from cemetery..... | 6 01 |
| P. H. Kavanagh, hauling 218 yards of gravel for widening road and raising grade of the same as per contract..... | 65 45 |
| P. H. Kavanagh, hauling 8 yards, to finish..... | 2 40 |
| Daniel Homan, labor building bridge..... | 16 50 |
| James T. Brown, red cedar posts for railing at the bridge and other places..... | 17 00 |
| Calvin Putnam, lumber for railing at bridge, and Straight's Hollow..... | 13 90 |
| Calvin Putnam, teaming the same..... | 1 50 |
| " " 2 guide posts..... | 1 20 |
| P. H. Kavanagh, labor on railing at Straight's Hollow and Pond Hill..... | 2 25 |
| P. H. Kavanagh, extra highway labor at foot of Pond Hill, on Arbor street, and mending highway and sidewalks..... | 35 25 |
| P. H. Kavanagh, gravel..... | 3 10 |
| Simeon Flint, drain pipe..... | 20 00 |
| W. F. Trowt, labor on highway and railing, Wards 2 and 3 ..... | 5 34 |
| W. F. Trowt, cash paid for stock..... | 84 |
| Jacob Brown, labor, gravel and cash paid, Ward 2 | 11 63 |
| Chas. Wilkins, labor, posts, and cash paid, Ward 3 | 22 76 |
| Chas. H. Shattuck, labor in Ward 5..... | 1 50 |
| Daniel A. Homan, labor in Ward 5..... | 1 53 |
| Stephen Cook, extra labor and cash paid, Ward 7 | 9 35 |
| Daniel Bradbury, new laying and sharpening picks | 2 20 |
| Abbott Johnson, levelling in ruts on Perkins lane and Porter street..... | 5 95 |
| James M. Shattuck, taking out stumps and rocks on Porter street..... | 2 87 |
| Joseph Day, cedar posts for railing..... | 1 25 |
| | $462 53 |

### Building Perkins' Lane and Porter Street Roads.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid P. H. Kavanagh, building Perkins' lane road, as per contract, 98 rods, 62 1-2 cents per rod | 61 25 |
| Jeremiah Kavanagh, building Porter street road, 53 rods, 21 links, at 24 cents per rod, as per contract | 12 92 |
| P. H. Kavanagh, hauling 479 yards gravel, at 37 1-2 cents per yard, as per contract | 179 62 |
| Henry Perkins, 482 yards gravel | 38 56 |
| Abbott Johnson, levelling gravel | 17 17 |
| | $309 52 |

### Land Damage.

| | |
|---|---|
| James H. Perkins, 16 rods, 183 feet, at $160 per acre | 16 68 |
| Isaac Porter, 9 rods 137 feet, at $140 per acre | 8 32 |
| | $25 00 |

# Poor Department.

### MRS. MARGARET GIFFORD.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid John Riggs, house rent | $ 13 50 |
| " " sawing and splitting wood | 2 50 |
| " " waiting on Mrs. G., 14 weeks | 7 00 |
| James H. Perkins, wood | 6 00 |
| " " " meat | 10 50 |
| Union Store, goods | 23 50 |
| C. W. Batchelder, medicine and dry goods | 5 53 |
| A. J. Dunn, moving furniture, and attendance | 2 00 |
| Chas. P. Benton, medicine | 16 61 |
| Dr. J. L. Robinson, medical attendance | 27 00 |
| Mrs. Harriet Fisk, board, nursing, and extra labor at death and funeral | 25 00 |
| Isaac Porter, horse and carriage and journey to Newburyport | 4 00 |
| J. H. Allen, coffin and plate | 11 50 |
| W. Pool, journey to Salem for coffin, and carriage hire for same | 3 50 |
| W. Pool, digging grave and attending funeral | 4 00 |
| | $162 14 |

MRS. SALLY GOODALE.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Union Store, goods | $ 37 66 |
| N. P. Perkins, wood | 3 00 |
| A. Moulton, sawing and splitting wood | 1 25 |
| J. D. & J. W. Eaton, stove | 11 00 |
| Cash for her support | 7 00 |
| Dr. J. L. Robinson, medical attendance on Miss N. Butman, 1876 | 7 50 |
| Jos. W. Ropes, funnel and zinc | 1 05 |
| | $68 46 |

CYRUS TUTTLE.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Union Store, goods | $ 71 93 |
| A. S. Taylor, coal, 1876 | 3 75 |
| Dr. J. L. Robinson, 1 truss for Mary Tuttle | 3 00 |
| | $78 68 |

RICHARD BURNHAM.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid S. S. Cook, wood | 3 00 |
| N. P. Perkins, $1\frac{3}{4}$ cords of wood | 10 50 |
| | $13 50 |

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|---|---|
| Paid Elias Haskell, board of Harrison M. Williams, 49 weeks | $ 98 00 |
| Paid Jacob Brown, board of David White, 10 weeks | 20 00 |
| Town of Beverly, supplies to family of Geo. W. Babcock | 47 00 |
| Town of Malden, supplies to family of Geo. W. Babcock | 28 00 |
| Town of Saugus, supplies to family of Geo. W. Babcock | 9 00 |
| Town of Georgetown, board, nursing, and medical attendance for Andrew Jackson | 319 18 |
| City of Boston, supplies to Sarah Wyatt | 48 00 |
| | $891 96 |

## POOR TRAVELLERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid John Riggs, lodging 2 men and 2 women | 3 00 |
| A. S. Taylor, coal for lockup | 3 50 |
| Henry Alley, care of 232 poor travellers | 20 00 |
| " " cash paid for expressing | 12 |
| Union Store, supplies | 15 19 |
| | $41 81 |

# Incidental.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Abbott Johnson, 1 day's service opposing Topsfield road | $ 1 50 |
| Abbott Johnson, travelling expenses to Salem | 40 |
| Wellington Pool, 1 day's service opposing Topsfield road | 1 50 |
| Wellington Pool, travelling expenses to Salem | 40 |
| Wm. F. Trowt, 1 day to Salem, opposing Topsfield road | 1 50 |
| Wm. F. Trowt, travelling expenses for same | 40 |
| A. A. Fiske, 1 day to Salem, opposing Topsfield road | 1 60 |
| A. A. Fiske, travelling expenses for same | 40 |
| N. P. Perkins, 1 day to Salem, opposing Topsfield road | 1 50 |
| N. P. Perkins, travelling expenses for same | 20 |
| Foote & Horton, printing Town and School reports | 51 46 |
| " " for town order book | 7 37 |
| " " printing tax bills, Assessors' notices, posters, &c | 13 72 |
| C. S. Buffum, stool covers, for Sexton's use | 9 50 |
| State of Massachusetts, book for register of voters | 80 |
| E. L. Kimball, building way to H. Wilson's land | 5 00 |
| Union Store, stationery and postage for town officers | 3 45 |
| P. H. Kavanagh, hauling and setting guide posts | 1 00 |
| Henry Tarr, repairs on town pump | 1 50 |
| Jason Clark, repairs on town pump, and filing saw | 73 |
| Daniel Bradbury, repairs on town pump | 50 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid N. P. Perkins, preparing voting list and register of voters | 2 50 |
| Wellington Pool, administering oath to Selectmen | 1 00 |
| " " copy of Herrick's Town Officer. | 2 50 |
| " " indexing 1st and 2d vols. town records of births, marriages and deaths | 35 00 |
| Wellington Pool, laying drain pipe front of cemetery, journey to Beverly for same and cash paid for wagon | 2 35 |
| Wellington Pool, journey out of town on account of town business | 70 |
| Wellington Pool, trimming grass on Common | 30 |
| Salem Press, binding and paging records | 15 75 |
| " " repairs on order book | 50 |
| C. W. Batchelder, stationery for Selectmen | 87 |
| J. H. Cook, expressing, hauling drain pipe, &c. | 3 35 |
| Julian A. Fogg, 1 police badge | 2 75 |
| Thomas Groom & Co., mortgage book | 5 75 |
| " " " stationery | 3 75 |
| A. H. Perry, 4 keys | 90 |
| Henry Hale & Co., land-side and point for town plough | 2 50 |
| B. H. Conant, care of town clock, 1 year | 20 00 |
| Samuel Porter, stationery and postage | 56 |
| Wm. P. Dodge, damage to wagon, Ward 3 | 2 00 |
| Daniel P. Dodge, expressing and cash paid for Collector's book | 7 45 |
| W. Pool, cash paid for postage and stationery | 1 35 |
| Wm. D. Northend, service as Town Counsel in opposing Topsfield road, 1875–76–77, and for legal advice. | 60 00 |
| Jason Clark, labor on receiving-tomb door, and filing saw. | 65 |
| | $276 91 |

# Town House and Hall.

| | |
|---|---|
| E. R. Perkins, painting roof, 1876, (rubber paint) | $50 00 |
| F. Batchelder, removing ashes and rubbish from basement | 50 |
| J. T. Ropes, sprinkler and brush broom | 1 75 |
| P. H. Kavanagh, grading front of town house | 5 00 |
| " " wood | 6 00 |
| " " hauling lumber, sand, lime, &c. | 3 00 |
| W. Pool, mowing grass on Common, levelling front of steps, taking down funnel, examining roof, &c | 1 75 |
| J. Choate, Jr., reparing privy, painting railing, repairing locks, windows, &c | 14 92 |
| J. Choate, repairing circular window and painting settees | 1 75 |
| C. M. Buffum & Co., locks, keys, window fastenings, &c | 1 25 |
| Union Store, oil, buckets, &c | 8 79 |
| Jason Clark, repairing doors, locks, windows, &c. | 4 77 |
| " " " settees | 4 00 |
| A. S. Taylor, coal | 36 50 |
| E. P. Caswell, labor on chimney and lockup, &c. | 3 75 |
| Zina Goodell & Co., iron railing for steps | 20 67 |
| Chas. G. Fogg, chimneys and wicks | 1 20 |
| Isaac Porter, labor putting up railing on steps, fixing gutters, erecting and taking down staging in hall, &c | 1[illegible] 16 |
| Isaac Porter, repairing hall floor and changing doors | 10 11 |
| Bradley & Hubbard Manufacturing Co., 2 chandeliers | 46 80 |
| Bradley & Hubbard Manuf'g Co., 2 joint brackets | 2 64 |
| " " " " 1½ doz. lamps, chimneys and globes | 13 50 |
| Bradley & Hubbard Manuf'g Co., 2 boxes for packing the same | 3 00 |
| Eastern Railroad, freight on the same | 3 30 |

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|---|---|
| Jason Clark, 1 day, putting together and hanging chandeliers | 2.50 |
| N. P. Perkins, 1 day, putting together and hanging chandeliers | 1 50 |
| Wellington Pool, 1 day, putting together and hanging chandeliers | 1 50 |
| Wellington Pool, taking off plastering, tending masons, clearing up, &c. | 10 00 |
| N. P. Perkins, 1 day to Boston to procure chandeliers | 1 60 |
| N. P. Perkins, car fare up and back | 1 40 |
| A. A. Fiske, 3 days to Boston in regard to chandeliers and insurance | 4 80 |
| A. A. Fiske, travelling expenses | 4 20 |
| D. Bradbury, iron rods for hanging chandeliers, gutter irons, &c. | 4 85 |
| J. H. & J. M. Parsons, mason work on school room and hall, and repairing cornice mould'g | 31 50 |
| J. H. & J. M. Parsons, stock for same | 3 50 |
| John Pickett, sand, lime and hair | 3 48 |
| J. Choate, Jr., stock for kalsomining hall | 14 30 |
| J. Choate, Jr., labor applying Kalsomine paint | 30 35 |
| George Roundy, lumber for staging | 8 40 |
| Wellington Pool, care of hall and Selectmen's room | 51 20 |
| Jason Clark, labor on school desks, settees, putting up and taking down staging, &c. | 9 25 |
| Bradley & Hubbard M'fg Co., extra joint bracket | 2 10 |
| Jos. W. Ropes, grate for lockup stove, 1875 | 1 85 |
| N. P. Perkins, 2 days' service and labor in regard to hall and school-room repairs | 3 00 |
| | $447 39 |

# Fire Department.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Hunneman & Co., 1 suction hose | $28 00 |
| " repairs on couplings | 1 00 |
| Henry Hobbs, N. F. oil sponges, &c. | 6 15 |
| J. Choate, Jr., painting inside of engine | 87 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Daniel Bradbury, repairs on hose pipes..... | 1 25 |
| P. H. Kavanagh, repairs on engine and hose..... | 5 07 |
| Chas. H. Shattuck, " " " ..... | 2 00 |
| Abbott Johnson, labor and stock on engine..... | 4 62 |
| " " service rendered at A. A. Fisk's fire | 1 62 |
| P. H. Kavanagh, " " " " | 1 62 |
| Chas. H. Shattuck, " " " " | 3 62 |
| Chas. E. Riva, " " " " | 1 62 |
| John P. Conant, " " " " | 1 62 |
| Geo. F. Dodge, " " " " | 1 62 |
| Fred. Brewer, " " " " | 1 62 |
| John Harrigan, " " " " | 1 62 |
| Wm. P. Dodge, " " " " | 1 62 |
| M. D. Wilkins, " " " " | 1 62 |
| Chas. F. Elliott, " " " " | 1 62 |
| Warren Hobbs, " " " " | 1 62 |
| Michael Buckley, " " " " | 1 62 |
| Simeon Dodge, Jr., " " " " | 1 62 |
| Weston Johnson, " " " " | 1 62 |
| George E. Norris, " " " " | 1 62 |
| Henry Alley, " " " " | 1 62 |
| | $78 50 |

# Town Officers.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid John Gentlee, services to March 1, 1877.....$ | 20 00 |
| J. Choate, Jr., 8 days' service to March 1, 1877.. | 16 00 |
| N. P. Perkins, 25 days service to " " .. | 47 00 |
| " " preparing school report and returns | 5 00 |
| $ | 88 00 |

## TOWN CLERK.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Wellington Pool, salary as clerk.....$ | 20 00 |
| " " recording and returning births, marriages and deaths..... ..... | 12 35 |
| Wellington Pool, returning representative vote to Danvers..... | 2 00 |
| $ | 34 35 |

## SELECTMEN.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid N. P. Perkins, 24½ days service at $1 60 | $39 | 20 |
| " " preparing returns, conducting correspondence, journeys out of town, and other incidental service | 10 | 00 |
| W. F. Trowt, 21½ days " at $1 60 | 34 | 40 |
| A. A. Fiske, 25 " " " " | 40 | 00 |
| | $123 | 60 |
| N. P. Perkins, balance for services, 1876 | 2 | 40 |
| | $126 | 00 |

## ASSESSORS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid N. P. Perkins, eight days' service, | $ 16 | 00 |
| W. F. Trowt, eight days' service | 16 | 00 |
| A. A. Fiske, six and one-half days' service | 13 | 00 |
| | $45 | 00 |

## OVERSEERS OF POOR.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid N. P. Perkins, services for the year | $ 6 | 00 |
| " " journeys out of town and cash paid | 4 | 00 |
| W. F. Trowt, services for the year | 6 | 00 |
| A. A. Fiske, " " " | 6 | 00 |
| Journey out of town | 1 | 00 |
| | $23 | 00 |

## TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Samuel Porter, services as Treasurer | $ 25 | 00 |
| " " journeys out of town to pay interest and to collect checks | 7 | 50 |
| E. P. Caswell, salary as Collector in part | 50 | 00 |
| | $82 | 50 |

## CONSTABLES AND POLICE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid W. Pool, service July 4th | $ 2 | 00 |
| " " general service for the year | 5 | 00 |
| Henry Alley, posting warrants, 1876 | | 75 |
| M. Buckley, posting five warrants | 3 | 75 |
| " " serving dog warrant | 2 | 00 |
| " " service July 4th | 2 | 50 |
| " " killing three dogs | 3 | 00 |
| | $19 | 00 |

# Abatements.

1876.

| | |
|---|---|
| Orin K. Plummer, one poll | $ 2 00 |
| George W. Wood, one poll | 2 00 |
| Augustus Hutchinson, part of two polls | 3 40 |
| Geo. A. Lane, part of poll | 58 |
| | $7 98 |

1877.

| | |
|---|---|
| Warren Jones, too much personal | $ 85 |
| Henry Wilson, too much real | 2 28 |
| Arthur L. Merrill, too much personal | 2 28 |
| Wm. P. Dodge, too much personal | 3 42 |
| J. L. Dodge, too much real | 1 14 |
| Mrs. Mary Dodge, too much personal | 57 |
| Mrs. E. F. Waters, too much personal | 14 79 |
| Mrs. Mary R. Henry, too much real | 6 27 |
| | $31 60 |

# State Aid.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Eldred Webber | $ 72 00 |
| Mary P. Merrill | 48 00 |
| | $120 00 |

# Summary of Town Expenses.

| | |
|---|---|
| Schools, teaching, fuel, care of rooms, & incidentals, | $1,614 88 |
| Highway wards | 612 75 |
| Extra highway and land damage | 802 05 |
| Clearing snow | 401 46 |
| Poor | 891 96 |
| Poor travellers | 41 81 |
| Incidentals | 271 91 |
| Town house and hall | 447 39 |
| Town officers | 398 85 |
| Fire department | 78 50 |

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|---|---|
| Police and constables | 19 00 |
| State aid | 120 00 |
| Interest on town debt and temporary loans | 561 50 |
| Interest on cemetery fund | 51 11 |
| State tax | 495 00 |
| County tax | 490 70 |
| | $7,298 87 |

HENRY PATCH, TREASURER AND COLLECTOR, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF WENHAM.

| | Dr |
|---|---|
| To balance in Treasury Feb. 20th, 1877 | $874 68 |
| Uncollected taxes, Feb. 20th, 1877 | 47 98 |
| Received of Warren Jones, balance of tax list, 1874–75 | 28 18 |
| Received of Warren Jones, interest on same | 4 73 |
| Rec'd of Mrs. A. Pingree, for old plank and timber | 75 |
| Rec'd of A. Webber, balance for cemetery lot | 5 00 |
| Interest on tax list for 1876 | 4 67 |
| | $965 99 |

| | Cr. |
|---|---|
| By cash paid Samuel Porter, new Treasurer | $851 93 |
| " " " " " " | 38 11 |
| " " Selectmen's orders | 55 97 |
| " " State aid | 12 00 |
| Abatement on tax list | 7 98 |
| | $965 99 |

# Treasurer's Account.

SAMUEL PORTER, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF WENHAM.

| | Dr. |
|---|---|
| To cash received from Henry Patch, former Treas., | $ 851 93 |
| " " " E. P. Caswell, Collector for '77, | 5,984 82 |
| " " " Henry Patch, Collector for '76, | 38 11 |
| " " " " " tin water conductor, | 1 00 |
| " " " State, National Bank tax | 384 31 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| To cash received from State, corporation tax | | 40 37 |
| " " " State, State aid refunded | | 288 00 |
| " " " State, State school fund | | 217 69 |
| " " " County Treasurer, dog tax | | 65 79 |
| " " " Beverly school children | | 37 50 |
| " " " Wm. G. Pingree, abated tax, '76, | | 2 00 |
| " " " Chas. E. Riva, cemetery lot | | 12 00 |
| " " " Wenham Reform Club, rent of Town Hall | | 2 00 |
| " " " Insurance on Town Hall | | 185 00 |
| " " " Wellington Pool, one town history sold | | 1 00 |
| " " " Wellington Pool, rent of town hall | | 95 92 |
| | | $8,207 44 |

Cr.

| | |
|---|---|
| By payment of Selectmen's orders | $5,524 59 |
| " " Interest on town debt | 533 00 |
| " " Interest on temporary loans | 28 50 |
| " " Interest on cemetery fund | 51 11 |
| " " State tax | 495 00 |
| " " County tax | 490 70 |
| " " State aid for 1877 | 108 00 |
| | $7,230 90 |
| By balance cash in treasury | 976 54 |
| | $8,207 44 |

# Tax Collector's Account.

E. P. CASWELL IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF WENHAM.

Dr.

| | |
|---|---|
| To tax list for 1877 | $6,763 43 |
| Additions to tax list | 175 57 |
| Perkins' lane road betterment taxes | 42 03 |
| Interest on taxes | 5 14 |
| | $6,986 17 |

| | Cr. |
|---|---|
| By payments to Samuel Porter, Town Treasurer.... | $5,984 82 |
| Abatements on tax list ..... ..... | 31 60 |
| Balance of uncollected taxes. ..... ..... | 969 75 |
| | $6,986 17 |

# Financial Statement of the Town.

| | |
|---|---|
| Note due State of Massachusetts ..... | $6,000 00 |
| " J. & A. Lowe ..... ..... | 1,200 00 |
| " Samuel Porter, ..... ... | 200 00 |
| " John I. Durgin, ..... .. ..... ..... | 500 00 |
| " Eliza Hobbs, ..... | 100 00 |
| " Trustees Cemetery Fund, ..... ..... | 475 00 |
| " Interest due on the same. ..... | 40 35 |
| " Donation of Edwin Mudge, "Monument Fund" ..... ..... | 571 76 |
| " Interest due on the same ..... | 34 31 |
| Town appropriation to Monument Fund, 1877 .. .. | 100 00 |
| Estimated amount of outstanding bills ..... | 75 00 |
| | $9,296 42 |

RESOURCES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash balance in treasury .... ..... | 976 54 | |
| Due from E. P. Caswell, Collector for 1877, | 969 75 | |
| " State, State Aid, 1877 ..... | 120 00 | |
| " " " previous years | 75 00 | |
| | | $2,141 29 |
| Balance against the town the present year, ..... | | $7,155 13 |
| " " last year, ..... | | 7,828 92 |
| Reduction of town debt ..... | | $673 79 |

N. P. PERKINS,
W. F. TROWT,
A. A. FISKE,
} Selectmen of Wenham.

# Town Clerk's Report. 1877.

## MARRIAGES.

The number of marriages recorded during the year was 12; with one of the grooms it was the second, and with one the fourth, marriage. With the remainder of the grooms, and also with all of the brides, it was their first marriage. All but 2 were of American birth. 7 were born in Wenham. 13 were residents of the town at the time of their marriage.

## BIRTHS.

The number of births was 14; 4 males and 10 females. ~~10~~ 12. were of American, and 2 of foreign parentage.

## DEATHS.

The number of deaths was 8; 2 males and 6 females. All were of American birth. 4 were born in Wenham. 2 were removed to other places for interment.

## AGES.

Two were under one year; one was 28 years; one 55; one 70; one 77; one 88; and one 92.

In addition to the above, 4 were brought here from other places for interment.

## DOGS.

Forty dogs were licensed; and from the amount received therefor, the sum of seventy-five dollars, ($75.00), was paid into the County Treasury. The sum returned to the town was $65.79.

WELLINGTON POOL, Town Clerk.

# Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

ESSEX, ss.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Wenham, County of Essex.* GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Wenham, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on MONDAY, the Fourth Day of March next, at NINE o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles:—

1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
2. To act on the Annual Report of the Selectmen.
3. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges, for the year ensuing, to make appropriation of the same, and determine the manner of collecting.
5. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges.
6. To see if the town will vote to cause the unpaid taxes of 1877 to be collected forthwith, agreeably to petition of F. R. Edwards and others.
7. To see what action the town will take to induce business men to locate here and carry on business, agreeable to petition of Charles W. Batchelder and others.
8. To see what action the town will take in regard to building a Soldiers' Monument, and appropriate money for the same.
9. To see if the town will vote to renew the insurance on the Town House.
10. To see if the town will take any action in regard to naming the different streets.
11. To see if the town will vote to build a street crossing at some point near the Union store.
12. To hear the report of the Committee appointed at the last annual meeting, to consider the expediency of procuring

an early record, relating to Wenham, kept by the Rev. John Fiske, first minister and physician of the town, 1644 to 1656, and now in the possession of David Pulsifer, Esq., in the Secretary's department at the State House.

13. To see what action the town will take in regard to draining the main street, between the Union store and some point east of the Wenham Neck road, agreeably to petition of J. L. Robinson and others.

14. To hear the Annual Report of the Fish Committee.

15. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen and Tax Collector to retain money owed by the town to individuals, to a sufficient amount to balance their unpaid taxes.

16. To act on any other business that may lawfully come before them.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the meeting-houses in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of the meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Twentieth day of February, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight.

N. P. PERKINS,
W. F. TROWT,
A. A. FISKE.
} Selectmen of Wenham.

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# SELECTMEN

OF THE

# Town of Wenham,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEB. 17, 1879,

WITH THE

## Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

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SALEM:
PRESS OF THE ESSEX COUNTY MERCURY.
1879.

# REPORT.

## Schools.

### EAST SCHOOL.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Lizzie D. Williams, teaching Spring term | $44 00 |
| " " " " Fall term | 44 00 |
| E. D. Stillman, building fires | 5 00 |
| G. H. Wyatt, broom | 38 |
| C. W. Batchelder, chalk and books | 1 27 |
| | $94 65 |

[NOTE.—Bill for teaching Winter Term not in.]

### NECK SCHOOL.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid S. A. Green, teaching Spring term | $96 25 |
| " " " Fall " | 96 25 |
| " " " Winter " | 112 00 |
| Lizzie Conant, books, (1876) | 2 90 |
| Union Store, pail and broom | 65 |
| C. W. Batchelder, ink, chalk, and eraser | 1 25 |
| Charles Wilkins, wood | 17 00 |
| " " repairs on school-house | 50 |
| N. E. School Furnishing Co., table | 11 25 |
| D. F. Meady, et als., building fires | 5 00 |
| | $348 05 |

### CENTRE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Alice C. Edwards, teaching Spring term | $82 50 |
| " " " " Fall " | 82 50 |
| " " " " Winter " | 96 00 |
| Wellington Poole, care of room | 3 50 |
| A. S. Taylor, coal | 10 50 |
| Union Store, mug | 12 |

J. Choate, Jr., repairs on thresholds and funnel... 1 70
C. W. Batchelder, books, ink, and chalk.... ... 3 91

$280 73

## CENTRE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Paid Frances A. Drew, teaching Spring term.....$121 00
" " " " Fall " ..... 121 00
" " " " Winter " ..... 132 00
" " " curtains.... ..... ... 3 00
Wellington Poole, sweeping and care of room... 5 45
" " building fires, Grammar and Primary Schools..... 25 00
J. Choate, Jr., kalsomining school room..... 12 72
" " setting glass..... 60
A. S. Taylor, coal ..... 27 50
Daniel Appleton, maps..... 5 50
Union Store, broom and mug..... 52
C. W. Batchelder, ink, chalk, and books..... 7 31
W. E. Porter, fixing plastering..... 75

$462 35

## WEST SCHOOL.

Paid Lizzie G. Kimball, teaching Spring term.....$96 25
" " " " Fall " .... ... 96 25
N. P. Perkins, wood.... ..... 2 50
" " school books... ..... 50
John E. Tiney, building fires..... ... 5 25
" " " repairs in school room..... 1 00
Joseph G. Kent, repairing underpinning..... 60
J. Choate, Jr., painting privy.... ..... 2 00
C. W. Batchelder, chalk and books..... ... 1 46
N. E. School Furnishing Company, table..... 11 25

$217 06

[NOTE.—Bill for teaching Winter term not in.]

## INCIDENTALS FOR SCHOOLS.

Paid Merrill & Mackintire, ink, chalk, and erasers... .$8 90

| | |
|---|---|
| William Ware & Co., school books | 5 48 |
| N. E. School Furnishing Co., lapilinium | 1 60 |
| | $15 98 |

# Highways.

## WARD ONE.

### Addison Williams, Surveyor.

| | Snow.* | Highway. |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Addison Williams | | $ 3 70 |
| George M. Williams | | 4 15 |
| John K. Dodge | | 7 45 |
| " " " gravel | | 4 00 |
| Edwin Stillman | | 3 45 |
| William Higgins | | 3 45 |
| Mrs. Fanny Burchstead | | 3 40 |
| Benjamin F. Burchstead | | 1 70 |
| John W. Higgins | | 1 70 |
| William H. Beck | | 1 70 |
| | | $34 70 |

*Bills not received.

## WARD TWO.

### R. Frank Dodge, Surveyor.

| | Snow.* | Highway. |
|---|---|---|
| Paid R. Frank Dodge | | $25 02 |
| " " gravel | | 4 70 |
| T. F. Thompson | | 13 61 |
| " " gravel | | 7 50 |
| George W. Johnson | | 5 15 |
| Jacob Brown | | 9 45 |
| William Lakeman | | * 2 04 |
| John Gentlee | | 2 57 |
| Herbert Woodbury | | 85 |
| | | $70 89 |

*Bills not received.

## WARD THREE.

NICHOLAS DODGE, SURVEYOR.

| | Snow. | Highway |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Nicholas Dodge | $ 8 00 | $ 6 65 |
| Zachariah Cole | 80 | 21 10 |
| Francis R. Edwards | 12 12 | 18 29 |
| Charles Wilkins | 9 47 | 16 16 |
| S. R. Prince | 8 68 | 10 78 |
| George A. Dodge | 4 10 | 11 76 |
| George O. Eldredge | | 10 30 |
| Mrs. A. Pingree | | 6 80 |
| Mrs. Sarah Spiller | | 1 70 |
| Mrs. Sarah Holden | | 1 70 |
| Horatio N. Norcross | 60 | 1 70 |
| Hiram C. Norcross | 60 | 85 |
| F. R. Edwards, gravel | | 40 |
| S. R. Prince, gravel | | 2 60 |
| Charles Wilkins, gravel | | 8 60 |
| John P. Conant | 80 | |
| Charles E. Riva | 90 | |
| James Powers | 60 | |
| George P. Choate | 30 | |
| | $46 97 | $120 39 |

## WARD FOUR.

GEORGE F. DODGE, SURVEYOR.

| | Snow* | Highway. |
|---|---|---|
| Paid George F. Dodge | | $ 7 90 |
| William P. Dodge | | 11 30 |
| Simeon Dodge, Jr | | 6 90 |
| Joseph D. Marshall | | 6 90 |
| Timothy P. Dodge | | 3 40 |
| George Brewer | | 1 19 |
| Dennis Harrigan | | 85 |
| F. R. Edwards, gravel | | 4 90 |
| Charles Wilkins, gravel | | 72 |
| | | $44 06 |

*Bills not received.

## WARD FIVE.

P. H. Cavanagh, Surveyor.

| | Snow. | Highway. |
|---|---|---|
| Paid P. H. Cavanagh | $10 20 | $42 57 |
| J. B Woodman | 1 20 | 85 |
| Levi C. Hutchinson | 2 60 | 5 10 |
| Charles H. Shattuck | 1 80 | 5 27 |
| W. A. Hutchinson | | 3 40 |
| D. A. Homan | | 3 40 |
| J. L. Robinson | | 4 25 |
| Austin B. Clough | | 1 70 |
| J. Kavanagh | | 24 00 |
| Henry Tarr | 3 90 | 1 70 |
| Elbridge Kimball | 1 70 | 10 35 |
| John Riggs | 2 10 | 2 55 |
| Mrs. H. E. Pingree | 2 98 | 19 02 |
| Henry Patch | | 12 35 |
| J L. Batchelder | | 6 65 |
| F. Batchelder | | 1 72 |
| W. S. Cummings | | 9 25 |
| Michael Sullivan | | 6 65 |
| Elbridge Porter | | 4 96 |
| William Kimball | | 1 70 |
| J. H. Perkins | | 3 17 |
| H. S. Clark | | 1 70 |
| D. P. Brewer | | 2 55 |
| D. Homan | | 1 70 |
| Henry Perkins | | 1 60 |
| Henry Perkins, gravel | | 40 |
| George Roundy, gravel | | 2 32 |
| J. Choate, Jr | 60 | |
| C. W. Byors | 1 40 | |
| R. H. Cloutman | 90 | |
| Augustus Hutchinson | 2 60 | |
| Milton Woodman | 3 20 | |
| C. W. Batchelder | 80 | |
| John Kavanagh | 40 | |
| Benjamin F. Young | 40 | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Alexander Webber | 2 10 | |
| John Harrigan | 40 | |
| George Flint | 40 | |
| Philip Kavanagh | 5 40 | |
| William Kavanagh | 3 10 | |
| | $48 18 | $180 87 |

## WARD SIX.

### George Howe, Surveyor.

| | Snow. | Highway. |
|---|---|---|
| Paid George Howe | $3 10 | $ 8 76 |
| Warren Jones | 50 | 6 17 |
| Winthrop Peabody | 50 | |
| William Peabody | 40 | |
| Samuel Porter | | 3 40 |
| Joseph Day | | 10 30 |
| James L. Dodge | | 2 55 |
| G. A. Pickard | | 2 00 |
| John Caves | | 4 30 |
| D. A. Homan | | 2 55 |
| G. W. Parsons | | 4 50 |
| Wesley Burnham | | 2 55 |
| Henry A. Cook | | 1 70 |
| | $4 50 | $48 78 |

## WARD SEVEN.

### Stephen Cook, Surveyor.

| | Snow. | Highway. |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Stephen Cook | $4 75 | $14 62 |
| S. S. Cook | 1 37 | 7 38 |
| Wm. B. Morgan | | 4 83 |
| H. S. Kent | | 2 55 |
| Harvey Pierce | | 3 40 |
| Solomon E. Kimball | | 5 10 |
| Otis Alley | | 1 70 |
| James N. Clark | 3 50 | 5 15 |
| George W. Peabody | 3 60 | 4 30 |

| | Snow. | Highway. |
|---|---|---|
| J. H. Tiney | | 2 55 |
| Mrs. Samuel Ober | | 2 00 |
| E. K. Standley | | 16 25 |
| N. P. Perkins | | 12 15 |
| James W. Cass | | 1 70 |
| William Moulton | | 3 40 |
| Estate of A. F. Bagley | | 5 69 |
| J. G. Kent | 2 00 | 6 00 |
| George Flint | | 1 53 |
| " " (gravel) | | 6 45 |
| J. H. Cook | 50 | 4 80 |
| Elbridge A. Dodge | | 5 18 |
| Mrs. Mary Dodge | | 4 25 |
| John Webber | | 1 70 |
| H. S. Cook | 1 00 | |
| | $16 72 | $122 68 |

## WARD EIGHT.

JAMES T. BROWN, SURVEYOR.

| | Snow, 1877.* | Highway |
|---|---|---|
| Paid James T. Brown | $4 20 | $10 92 |
| Edward L. Kimball | 2 40 | 5 15 |
| Charles Kimball | 1 20 | |
| Charles Hayward | 1 20 | 1 70 |
| Joseph Wesel | 80 | 12 60 |
| J. A. Wesel | 80 | |
| Joseph Miles | 80 | |
| George B. Barnard | 3 00 | 5 97 |
| C. H. Stanton | | 1 70 |
| Thomas Clark | | 1 70 |
| Paul Kimball | | 85 |
| George Flint, (gravel) | | 90 |
| | $14 40 | $41 49 |

*Bills for this year not received.

## EXTRA HIGHWAY.

Paid C. A. Lawrence, balance due on drain pipe, 1875, $ 9 18
" " drain pipe, 1877 12 15

| | |
|---|---|
| Chas. Flint, drain pipe | 64 00 |
| P. H. Cavanagh, hauling pipe | 6 00 |
| " " labor on highway and hauling rocks for bridge and labor on same | 25 63 |
| P. H. Cavanagh, extra labor in Ward 5 | 8 37 |
| " " " on causeway | 7 03 |
| Calvin Putnam, lumber and posts for railing | 21 04 |
| Boston and Maine Railroad, for posts | 3 40 |
| George Howe, labor on railing (Bragg's Hollow) | 2 80 |
| Warren Jones, " " " " | 2 80 |
| John Riggs, 1 day's labor | 1 70 |
| Alexander Webber, 1 day's labor | 1 70 |
| Union Store, nails | 43 |
| James T. Brown, resetting wall, land damage, &c | 20 44 |
| Charles F. Elliott, labor on railing | 1 25 |
| Daniel Homan, labor on bridge, (Arbor street) | 50 |
| Charles Wilkins, posts and labor on railing, Ward 4 | 5 02 |
| Stephen Cook, labor on Topsfield road | 1 02 |
| S. E. Kimball, " railing and causeway | 9 82 |
| W. F. Trowt " " in Ward 4 | 1 70 |
| | $205 98 |

# Poor Department.

## ANDREW JACKSON.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Town of Georgetown, board, medical attendance and supplies furnished from Feb. 1st, 1878, to June 25, 1878 | $233 22 |
| I. H. Trask, removing Jackson from Georgetown | 4 50 |
| E. K. Standley, " Jackson's goods from " | 2 00 |
| Esther Corbett, for board to Feb. 3d, '79 | 160 00 |
| " " cash paid for clothing and making same | 4 05 |
| J. G. Kent, wood | 13 00 |
| C. P. Benton, medicines | 17 40 |
| J. C. Gray, " | 16 55 |

| | |
|---|---|
| C. W. Batchelder, supplies | 4 80 |
| J. L Robinson, medical attendance | 18 00 |
| Union Store, castile soap | 08 |
| | $473 60 |

MRS. SALLY GOODALE.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Union Store, goods | $43 66 |
| A. S. Taylor, coal | 13 25 |
| J. G. Kent, wood | 19 50 |
| R. Ward, meat | 2 63 |
| S. E. Kimball, cash paid | 13 00 |
| C. W. Batchelder, goods | 3 13 |
| | $95 17 |

DAVID WHITE.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Jacob Brown for board | $48 00 |
| J. L. Robinson, medical attendance | 28 75 |
| John Tibbetts, coffin, plate, and robe | 17 00 |
| " " services as undertaker | 5 00 |
| | $98 75 |

MRS. LAKEMAN.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid J. L. Robinson, medical attendance | $21 25 |
| J. C. Gray, medicine | 55 |
| Mrs. Jane Johnson, attendance | 1 50 |
| Esther Babcock, attendance and cash paid | 15 00 |
| Mary Tuttle, attendance | 6 00 |
| | $44 30 |

RICHARD BURNHAM.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid D. Richards, supplies, (1876) | $ 5 00 |
| J. G. Kent, wood | 3 50 |
| N. P. Perkins, wood | 5 50 |
| W. Poole, procuring coffins and robes, and attending funeral of children | 11 25 |
| H. Hobbs, team to Danvers | 1 00 |
| Peter Waite, coffins and robe | 13 00 |
| | $39 25 |

## HARRISON M. WILLIAMS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Elias Haskell, for board | $104 | 00 |
| C. W. Batchelder, books | 1 | 10 |
| " " boots | 2 | 15 |
| | $107 | 25 |

## MARY TUTTLE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Union Store, supplies | $54 | 04 |
| C. P. Benton, medicine | 1 | 45 |
| J. C. Gray, medicine | | 30 |
| | $55 | 79 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Town of Malden, supplies to family of Geo. W. Babcock | $52 | 00 |
| City of Lynn, supplies for Mrs. Abram Williams. | 10 | 75 |
| G. H. Wyatt, goods supplied Ivory Day | 4 | 00 |
| Levi S. Groce, supplies for family | 3 | 00 |
| | $69 | 75 |

## TRAMPS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid John Riggs, lodging man and woman | $ 1 | 50 |
| J. G. Kent, wood | 6 | 25 |
| A. S. Taylor, coal | 6 | 50 |
| Union Store, supplies Feb. 5th to April 4th | 4 | 09 |
| H. Hobbs, care of 330 tramps | 15 | 00 |
| " cleaning and filling beds | 3 | 00 |
| " cash paid for blankets | 5 | 00 |
| " supplies | 20 | 03 |
| | $61 | 37 |

## INCIDENTALS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Wellington Poole, administering oaths | $ 1 | 00 |
| " " running out lots in cemetery, 1 day | 1 | 50 |
| " " collecting and recording 17 deeds of cemetery lots, that had been delivered without record | 3 | 40 |
| Wellington Poole, writing two deeds of cemetery lots and acknowledging same | 1 | 00 |

| | |
|---|---|
| S. K. Evans, stitching hearse strap | 15 |
| J. Choate, Jr., painting, gilding, and sanding clock dial | 12 28 |
| J. Choate, Jr., material used for same | 12 80 |
| J. Choate, Jr., painting signs and trellis | 1 20 |
| W. E. Porter, building staging, (to paint clock) | 2 50 |
| " " plank, timber, and nails | 4 05 |
| " " labor on cemetery fence, railing, and pump | 4 62 |
| W. E. Porter, hauling rails and fencing | 2 00 |
| " " making trellis | 1 75 |
| Benj. H. Conant, care of town clock, one year | 20 00 |
| Calvin Putnam, pickets for cemetery fence | 1 25 |
| Union Store, stationery for Selectmen | 1 82 |
| W. F. & J. R, Shepard, damage to carriage | 40 00 |
| Daniel Homan, labor on cemetery wall | 50 |
| Daniel A. Homan, cleaning out town well | 1 50 |
| H. H. Demsey, repairs on town pump, 1877 & '78 | 4 25 |
| " " ironing tree near B. F. Young's | 4 25 |
| " " sharpening drills | 60 |
| D. P. Dodge, expressing and tax book | 7 30 |
| J. H. Cook, expressing | 55 |
| Henry Hale, pickmattock and handle | 1 65 |
| Chas. W. Batchelder, envelopes and highway books | 72 |
| Foote & Horton, printing town and school reports, | 51 65 |
| " " tax bills, voting lists, &c | 9 48 |
| S. E. Kimball, one day in cemetery | 1 50 |
| J. I. Durgin, " " | 1 50 |
| W. F. Trowt, " " | 1 50 |
| J. I. Durgin, labor on town well | 80 |
| | $199 07 |

## Town House and Hall.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid A. A. Fiske, insurance for five years | $112 50 |
| J. Choate, Jr., painting casings and wall | 3 75 |
| " " setting glass in town house and lock-up | 2 78 |

| | |
|---|---|
| J. Choate, Jr., painting railing and repairing fence, &c | 95 |
| J. Choate, Jr., cash paid for window fastenings | 1 00 |
| Wellington Poole, care of hall and selectmen's room | 73 15 |
| " " cash paid for lock, key and naphtha | 63 |
| " " clearing up basement and cutting grass on Common | 1 73 |
| J. T. Ropes, furnace grate and funnel, labor on gutter, &c | 16 45 |
| Charles F. Elliot, repairing windows, labor on gutter, and material furnished | 2 07 |
| Charles F. Elliot, repairing doors and fixing lock | 1 80 |
| A S. Taylor, coal | 25 00 |
| P. H. Cavanagh, wood | 6 00 |
| Chas. G. Fogg, lamp, lamp chimneys, tumbler, &c | 1 92 |
| Warren Jones, cement and hauling bricks | 60 |
| E. P. Caswell, labor on chimney and material used | 4 97 |
| Union Store, oil, brooms, matches, &c | 8 37 |
| B. S. Lunt, stove, hod, and shovel, for lock-up | 8 20 |
| " " for funnel and labor on same | 18 25 |
| H. O. Warren, cement | 1 00 |
| | $291 12 |

## Fire Department.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Chas. F. Elliott, lock and keys and putting on lock | $ 1 10 |
| Charles H. Shattuck, labor on engine | 4 75 |
| A. S. Taylor, supplies furnished at Fiske's fire | 3 73 |
| H. P. Brewer, labor on engine, 1877 | 4 25 |
| Union Store, sperm oil and broom | 52 |
| Gould & Co., alcohol, can, and expressing | 2 90 |
| Hunneman & Co., hose stuffing, &c | 2 50 |
| P. H. Cavanagh, labor on engine | 2 17 |
| " " cash paid for wrench | 1 00 |
| H. H. Demsey, repairs on engine | 2 75 |
| | $25 67 |

## Constables and Police.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Charles H. Shattuck, service July 4th, 1878 | $ 2 50 |
| H. P. Brewer, service July 4th, 1877 and 1878 | 5 00 |
| Michael Buckley, service July 4th, 1878 | 2 00 |
| Michael Buckley, posting dog warrants and warrants for town meetings | 7 75 |
| | $17 25 |

## Soldiers' Monument.

| | |
|---|---|
| Donation of Edwin Mudge, "Monument Fund," | $606 07 |
| Town appropriation to "Monument Fund," 1877 | 100 00 |
| Interest due on the above | 35 30 |
| Error on account of interest not being added, 1876 | 44 43 |
| Town appropriation to fund, 1878 | 800 00 |
| | $1585 80 |

COST OF MONUMENT.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid O. M. Wentworth, for plan | $ 10 00 | |
| Warren Jones, splitting and loading stone for foundation | 5 25 | |
| Warren Jones, tending mason | 1 50 | |
| John D. Standley, labor on foundation | 11 37 | |
| Daniel Homan, labor on foundation, | 7 00 | |
| Daniel A. Homan, " " | 6 12 | |
| P. H. Cavanagh, hauling stone, and cash paid | 5 67 | |
| J. I. Durgin, cash paid for bogie | 50 | |
| H. O. Warren, lime and cement | 3 90 | |
| Alexander McDonald, monument, as per contract | 1300 00 | |
| Alexander McDonald, inscription on monument | 125 60 | —$1476 91 |
| Unexpended balance of appropriation | | $108 89 |

# Town Officers.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid J. Choate, Jr., 5½ days' service, to March 1, '78, | $11 | 00 |
| J. Gentlee, 5 days' service, to March 1, 1878.... | 12 | 50 |
| J. Gentlee, extra service..... | 7 | 50 |
| N. P. Perkins, 27½ days' service, to March 1, '78. | 47 | 00 |
| N. P. Perkins, preparing school report and returns | 5 | 00 |
| | $83 | 00 |

## TOWN CLERK.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid W. Poole, salary as Clerk..... | $20 | 00 |
| W. Poole, recording and returning births, marriages and deaths..... | 18 | 05 |
| Wellington Poole, returning representative vote to Danvers..... | 2 | 00 |
| Wellington Poole, stationery and postage.... ... | 1 | 27 |
| | $41 | 32 |

## TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Samuel Porter, salary as Treasurer..... | $25 | 00 |
| Samuel Porter, journeys out of town, to pay interest and to collect checks..... | 11 | 00 |
| Samuel Porter, stationery and postage..... | | 50 |
| E. P. Caswell, balance of salary as Collector, 1877, | 10 | 00 |
| Union Store, postage for Collector..... | 1 | 15 |
| E. P. Caswell, part salary as Collector, 1878. ... | 50 | 00 |
| | $97 | 65 |

## SELECTMEN.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid W. F. Trowt, 18 days' service, at $1.60 per day.. | $28 | 80 |
| W. F. Trowt, conducting correspondence, preparing returns, postage, stationery, &c..... | 10 | 00 |
| S. E. Kimball, 8½ days' service, at $1.60 per day, | 13 | 60 |
| J. I. Durgin, 17½ days' service, at $1.60 per day, | 28 | 00 |
| | $80 | 40 |

ASSESSORS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid W. F. Trowt, 7¾ days' service | $15 50 |
| S. E. Kimball, 7¾ days' service | 15 50 |
| J. I. Durgin, 7¾ days' service | 15 50 |
| | $46 50 |

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid W. F. Trowt, services for the year | $ 6 00 |
| W. F. Trowt, journeys out of town and cash paid on account of poor | 4 75 |
| S. E. Kimball, services for the year | 6 00 |
| S. E. Kimball, journeys out of town and expense | 3 20 |
| J. I. Durgin, services for the year | 6 00 |
| J. I. Durgin, journey out of town and expense | 2 40 |
| | $28 35 |

## State Aid.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Eldred Webber | $ 72 00 |
| Mary P. Merrill | 48 00 |
| John A. Hoyt | 16 00 |
| | $136 00 |

UNDER ACT OF 1878.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Charles S. Jones | $ 68 50 |
| Daniel A. Homan | 48 00 |
| William Webber | 40 85 |
| Joseph B. Woodman | 12 00 |
| Kimball H. Drew | 24 00 |
| Charles H. Shattuck | 29 00 |
| John Brewer | 14 00 |
| George Alley | 8 00 |
| Robert M. Fields | 12 00 |
| Levi S. Groce | 8 00 |
| James M. Shattuck | 8 00 |
| Benj. F. Burchsted | 2 00 |
| | $274 35 |

# Abatements.

1877.

| | |
|---|---|
| George H. Wyatt, poll, not liable | $ 2 00 |
| John Legro, poll, not liable | 2 00 |
| Heirs of Levi Dodge, real, not liable | 4 56 |
| | $8 56 |

1878.

| | |
|---|---|
| Estate Charles A. Kilham, too much real | 64 |
| Elbridge Kimball, too much real | 96 |
| Benjamin H. Conant, too much personal | 3 84 |
| | $5 44 |

# Summary of Town Expenses.

| | |
|---|---|
| Schools, teaching, fuel, care of rooms, and incidentals | $1418 82 |
| Highway Wards | 663 86 |
| Extra Highway | 205 98 |
| Clearing Snow | 130 77 |
| Poor | 1045 23 |
| Tramps | 61 37 |
| Incidentals | 198 07 |
| Monument | 1476 91 |
| Town House and Hall | 291 12 |
| Town Officers | 377 22 |
| Fire Department | 25 67 |
| Police and Constables | 17 25 |
| State Aid | 410 35 |
| Interest on Town Debt | 461 00 |
| Interest on Cemetery Fund | 69 75 |
| State tax | 330 00 |
| County Tax | 595 90 |
| | $7780 27 |

# Treasurer's Account.

SAMUEL PORTER, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF WENHAM.

| | | Dr. |
|---|---|---|
| To balance in the Treasury Feb. 20, 1878 | $ | 976 54 |
| cash refunded by A. A. Fiske | | 67 |
| cash received of A. A. Fiske, for bed sold | | 5 00 |
| cash received of C. F. Elliott, for drain pipe | | 50 |
| cash received of Charles Abbott, for drain pipe | | 1 32 |
| cash received of Mrs. Mary W. Kemble, for drain pipe | | 5 28 |
| legacy of Mrs. Mary Perkins | | 1500 00 |
| discount on county tax | | 8 94 |
| cash received of Chas. H. Stanton, for cemetery lot | | 8 00 |
| " " State Treas'r, State aid refunded | | 120 00 |
| " " " " National bank tax | | 303 93 |
| " " " " Corporation tax | | 33 81 |
| " " " " State school fund. | | 216 57 |
| " " County Treasurer, dog tax | | 58 05 |
| " " Wellington Pool, rent Town Hall | | 141 15 |
| " " " " 2 town histories sold | | 2 00 |
| " " Wellington Pool, bricks sold | | 1 44 |
| " " E. P. Caswell, Collector | | 6280 14 |
| | | $9663 34 |

| | | Cr. |
|---|---|---|
| By payment of Selectmen's orders | $ | 5864 50 |
| " " interest on town debt | | 461 00 |
| " " " " cemetery fund | | 69 75 |
| " " County tax | | 595 90 |
| " " State tax | | 330 00 |
| " " State aid | | 410 35 |
| By balance cash in treasury | | 1931 84 |
| | | $9663 34 |

# Tax Collector's Account.

E. P. CASWELL, COLLECTOR, IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF WENHAM.

| | Dr. |
|---|---|
| To balance of uncollected taxes, 1877 | $ 969 75 |
| tax list of 1878, committed to him to collect. | 7366 32 |
| interest on taxes, 1877 | 22 23 |
| " " 1878 | 8 06 |
| | $8366 36 |

| | Cr. |
|---|---|
| By payments to Samuel Porter, Treasurer | $6280 14 |
| Abatements on tax-list, 1877 | 8 56 |
| " " " 1878 | 5 44 |
| Balance of uncollected taxes | 2072 22 |
| | 8366 36 |

# Financial Statement of the Town.

| | |
|---|---|
| Note due State of Massachusetts | $6000 00 |
| " J. & A. Low | 1200 00 |
| " Samuel Porter | 200 00 |
| " John I. Durgin | 500 00 |
| " Eliza Hobbs | 100 00 |
| " Trustees of cemetery fund | 475 00 |
| Legacy of Mrs. Mary Perkins | 1500 00 |
| Estimated amount of outstanding bills | 250 00 |
| | $10,225 00 |

RESOURCES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash in Treasury | $1,931 84 | |
| Due from E. P. Caswell, Collector | 2,071 22 | |
| " " the State, State Aid, 1878 | 349 35 | |
| " " " " previous yrs. | 75 00— | 4,427 41 |
| Balance against the Town | | $5,797 59 |

W. F. TROWT,
S. E. KIMBALL,
J. I DURGIN,
} Selectmen of Wenham.

# Town Clerk's Report, 1878.

## MARRIAGES.

The number of marriages recorded during the year was 5; with 4 of the grooms, and all of the brides, it was their first marriage, and with one of the grooms the second. All were of American birth. Only 3 were born in Wenham, and 6 were residents of the town at the time of their marriage.

## BIRTHS.

The number or births was 8—5 males, and 3 females. 5 were of American, 2 of mixed, and 1 of foreign parentage.

## DEATHS.

The number of deaths was 24—10 males, and 14 females. All but one were of American birth. 10 were born in Wenham. 15 were removed from town for interment.

## AGES.

Four were under 1 year; one was 17, 19, 23, 45, 58, 60; two were 63, 65; three were 69, 72; two were 76, 77; two were 82, 86, and 91.

In addition to the above, 6 were brought here from other places for interment.

## DOGS.

Thirty-eight dogs were licensed; and from the amount received therefor, the sum of seventy-one dollars and forty cents ($71.40) was paid into the County Treasury.

The sum returned to the town was $58.05.

WELLINGTON POOL, Town Clerk.

# Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

ESSEX, ss.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Wenham, in said County,* GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Wenham, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Wenham, on MONDAY, the third day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
2. To act on the annual report of the Selectmen.
3. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges, for the year ensuing, to make appropriation of the same, and determine the manner of collecting.
5. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges.
6. To hear the report of the "Monument" committee; and see if the town will vote to raise an additional sum of money, to carry out the recommendations contained therein.
7. To see what action the town will take in regard to dedicating the Soldier's Monument, and raising money to defray the expense of the same.
8. To see what action the town will take in regard to the legacy of Mrs. Mary Perkins, now in the hands of the treasurer.
9. To see what action the town will take in regard to paying a portion of the town debt, now due.
10. To see what action the town will take, if any, in regard to laying water pipes through the town from Beverly line to Hamilton line.
11. To see if the town will vote to let the hall free to the townspeople, for lectures, meetings, entertainments, &c., where no fee is taken at the door.

12. To act on any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the meeting-houses in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of the meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of February, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-nine.

W. F. TROWT, } Selectmen of
JOHN I. DURGIN, } Wenham.

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# SELECTMEN

OF THE

# Town of Wenham,

FOR THE

## Year Ending February 14, 1880,

WITH THE

## Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

SALEM:
PRESS OF THE ESSEX COUNTY MERCURY,
1880.

# REPORT.

## SCHOOLS.

### EAST SCHOOL.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Lizzie D. Williams, teaching Winter term, 1878–9 | $66 00 |
| " " " " Spring " | 48 00 |
| " " " " Fall " | 40 00 |
| John K. Dodge, 2 1-4 cords wood, 1878 | 20 00 |
| " " " 2 " " 1879 | 16 00 |
| " " " grading | 1 25 |
| H. D. Stillman, building fires | 5 00 |
| Addison Williams, setting glass | 75 |
| Charles W. Batchelder, chalk and ink | 70 |
| R. Frank Dodge, ink | 60 |
| George H. Wyatt, broom | 38 |
| | $198 68 |

### NECK SCHOOL.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid S. Abbie Green, teaching Spring term | $99 00 |
| " " " Fall " | 82 50 |
| Charles Wilkins, 2 cords wood | 16 00 |
| Mary Sullivan, cleaning school-room | 2 50 |
| George Roundy, lumber for privy | 23 61 |
| Charles F. Elliott, labor and stock for privy | 14 13 |
| Chas. Wilkins, digging vault and stock furnished, | 1 00 |
| " " building fence and material for same | 16 75 |
| Charles W. Batchelder, books | 1 25 |
| R. Frank Dodge, ink, and expense on desk | 1 28 |
| | $258 02 |

## CENTRE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Alice C. Edwards, teaching Spring term | $96 | 00 |
| " " " Fall " | 80 | 00 |
| " " cash paid for ink | | 50 |
| John Girdler, 2 tons coal | 10 | 00 |
| Wellington Pool, building fires | 12 | 50 |
| " " sweeping and care of room | 8 | 70 |
| " " cash paid for key | | 08 |
| Union Store, bucket | | 15 |
| Charles W. Batchelder, curtain fixtures, dipper, and chalk | 1 | 60 |
| | $209 | 53 |

## CENTRE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Roxie Brigham, teaching Spring term | $108 | 00 |
| " " " Fall " | 90 | 00 |
| J. Girdler, coal | 34 | 00 |
| Wellington Pool, care of fires | 15 | 00 |
| Mrs. C. H. Shattuck, cleaning room | 3 | 00 |
| C. W. Batchelder, books and chalk | 3 | 53 |
| Union Store, bucket | | 15 |
| Michael Sullivan, cleaning privy, '77 and '78 | 2 | 00 |
| | $255 | 68 |

## WEST SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Lizzie G. Kimball, teaching Winter term, 1878–9 | $108 | 00 |
| Sarah D. Rogers, " Spring " | 82 | 50 |
| " " " Fall " | 82 | 50 |
| George W. Peabody, 2 cords wood, 1878 | 12 | 87 |
| " " cash paid for measuring | | 10 |
| Samuel S. Cook, 1-2 cord maple wood | 3 | 50 |
| Joseph G. Kent, wood furnished | 12 | 60 |
| John E. Tiney, building fires | 5 | 00 |
| " " repairs on school-house | 2 | 15 |
| Jos. E. Ropes, repairs on stove | 3 | 90 |
| Chas. W. Batchelder, books and ink | 3 | 62 |
| N. P. Perkins, for key | | 25 |
| Mrs. Soper, cleaning school-room | 1 | 50 |

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|---|---|
| Union Store, two brooms | 70 |
| William N. Burgess, setting glass | 75 |
| R. F. Dodge, expense on desk | 68 |
| | $320 62 |

# HIGHWAYS.

## WARD ONE.

ADDISON WILLIAMS, SURVEYOR.

| | Snow. | Highway. |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Addison Williams | $1 90 | $ 2 25 |
| John K. Dodge | 2 95 | 4 05 |
| Benj. F. Burchstead | 60 | |
| Philip Morrill Jr. | | 1 25 |
| Wm. H. Beck | 50 | |
| Mrs. Fanny Wyatt | | 1 25 |
| Edwin Stillman | 1 75 | |
| George H. Wyatt | | 1 45 |
| Seabury R. Ayers | 70 | 1 70 |
| Mrs. M. T. Williams | | 2 90 |
| Mrs. Fanny Burchstead | | 2 50 |
| William Higgins | | 2 70 |
| Daniel W. Preston | gravel | 4 00 |
| | $8 40 | $24 05 |

## WARD TWO.

GEORGE W. JOHNSON, SURVEYOR.

| | Snow. | Highway. |
|---|---|---|
| Paid George W. Johnson | $8 70 | $13 51 |
| R. Frank Dodge | 2 80 | 20 15 |
| " " " | gravel | 5 35 |
| John Gentlee | 4 80 | |
| Thomas H. Gray | 4 60 | 50 |
| Jacob Brown | 8 80 | 15 29 |
| Chas. T. Smith | 3 80 | |
| Joseph Dennis | 2 40 | |

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|---|---|---|
| T. F. Thompson | 9 60 | 54 |
| " " " | gravel | 55 |
| John Lear | 6 10 | |
| Cyrus Tuttle | 4 20 | |
| Thomas J. Peach | 1 00 | 5 00 |
| J. S. Peach | 1 00 | |
| S. R. Prince | gravel, | 10 40 |
| | $57 80 | $71 29 |

## WARD THREE.

NICHOLAS DODGE, SURVEYOR.

| | Snow. | Highway |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Nicholas Dodge | $9 40 | $ 5 00 |
| Francis R. Edwards | 7 85 | 12 12 |
| Charles Wilkins | 8 00 | 7 22 |
| " " | | 8 70 |
| S. R. Prince | 7 20 | 6 60 |
| George A. Dodge | 5 30 | 5 92 |
| Zachariah Cole | 9 30 | 11 47 |
| John P. Conant | 3 00 | |
| George P. Choate | 2 00 | |
| Horatio N. Norcross | 1 20 | |
| James Powers | 4 80 | |
| Chas. O. Killam | 2 80 | |
| Jacob E. Dodge | 2 70 | |
| Charles E. Riva | 1 00 | |
| George O. Eldredge | 5 00 | 7 80 |
| Mrs. A. Pingree | | 1 87 |
| W. F. Trowt | | 2 50 |
| Philip S. Young | | 1 25 |
| | $69 55 | $70 45 |

## WARD FOUR.

SIMEON DODGE, JR., SURVEYOR.

| | Snow. | Highway. |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Simeon Dodge, Jr | $5 80 | $12 10 |
| George F. Dodge | 10 85 | 6 30 |
| William P. Dodge | 9 85 | 11 82 |

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|---|---|---|
| Timothy P. Dodge | 3 00 | 2 55 |
| George Brewer | 5 10 | 1 12 |
| Dennis Harrigan | 1 30 | 2 50 |
| Edward F. Standley | 4 20 | |
| Edward L. Standley | | 1 25 |
| F. R. Edwards | | gravel, 8 06 |
| | $40 10 | $45 70 |

## WARD FIVE.

### Wm. S. Cummings, Surveyor.

| | Snow. | Highway. |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Wm. S. Cummings | $7 85 | $33 42 |
| Michael Sullivan | 5 90 | 16 92 |
| Alexander Webber | 3 40 | 3 56 |
| R. H. Cloutman | 1 65 | 3 63 |
| Elbridge Kimball | | 2 50 |
| P. H. Cavanagh | 4 40 | 5 40 |
| Henry Tarr | | 3 95 |
| Frank Batchelder | | 15 08 |
| Elbridge Porter | | 5 40 |
| William E. Porter | | 2 50 |
| Charles H. Shattuck | 50 | 3 75 |
| Philip Kavanagh | 7 30 | 3 75 |
| Amos Gould, Jr | | 1 88 |
| Daniel Homan | | 3 75 |
| J. L. Batchelder | | 7 90 |
| John Riggs | 3 30 | 3 75 |
| Jerry Kavanagh | 3 20 | 7 90 |
| Daniel Perkins | | 63 |
| Abbott Johnson | 1 15 | 50 |
| Daniel Brewer | | 1 25 |
| James M. Shattuck | | 1 50 |
| Parker P. Tyrill | | gravel, 3 00 |
| George Howe, tending lantern | | 1 00 |
| Levi Hutchinson | 1 25 | |
| John P. Dodge | 1 90 | |
| Augustus Hutchinson | 1 20 | |
| Milton Woodman | 1 70 | |
| George Flint | 1 30 | |

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|---|---|---|
| Andrew J. Dunn | 90 | |
| Joseph B. Woodman | 90 | |
| Charles W. Byors | 2 10 | |
| Levi Riggs | 50 | |
| Joseph Miles | 90 | |
| Joseph Wesel, tending lantern | 25 | |
| | $51 55 | $132 92 |

## WARD SIX.

GEORGE HOWE, SURVEYOR.

| | Snow. | Highway. |
|---|---|---|
| Paid George Howe | $6 25 | $ 8 06 |
| Warren Jones | 4 10 | 5 76 |
| John Caves | 1 80 | |
| Wesley Burnham | 1 75 | 1 88 |
| Thomas Barnes | 1 20 | |
| Elnathan Brown | 1 40 | |
| Eben Gould | 1 40 | |
| William Peabody | 1 20 | |
| Winthrop Peabody | 2 10 | 5 64 |
| Joseph Day | 2 20 | 4 05 |
| G. A. Pickard | 90 | |
| D. A. Homan | 35 | 2 25 |
| Paul M. Barnes | | 1 00 |
| James L. Dodge | | 1 25 |
| | $24 65 | $29 89 |

## WARD SEVEN.

STEPHEN COOK, SURVEYOR.

| | Snow. | Highway. |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Stephen Cook | $6 65 | $15 63 |
| Chester S. Cook | 2 00 | |
| S. S. Cook | 3 49 | 8 00 |
| George W. Peabody | 2 50 | 6 65 |
| John Flint | | gravel, 8 50 |
| " " | | 1 25 |
| B. Soper | 2 30 | |

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|---|---|---|
| Harvey Pierce | | 2 50 |
| George Hart | 1 20 | |
| Otis P. Alley | | 1 25 |
| Joseph G. Kent | 2 80 | 3 56 |
| John E. Tiney | 1 00 | |
| J. Clark | 4 20 | |
| Harvey S. Cook | 1 70 | 1 25 |
| N. P. Perkins | | 8 80 |
| James Cass | 90 | |
| E. K. Standley | 3 80 | 9 78 |
| F. A. Bagley | 1 90 | 11 03 |
| E. Porter | 1 30 | |
| H. S. Kent | | 1 25 |
| D. O. Quint | 2 30 | |
| Arthur Aiken | 2 30 | |
| Ira D. Batchelder | 2 40 | 9 78 |
| Luther Batchelder | 2 40 | |
| Elbridge Dodge | 1 90 | |
| Wm. Moulton | 2 60 | 2 50 |
| George Channel | 90 | |
| | $50 54 | $91 73 |

## WARD EIGHT.

JAMES T. BROWN, SURVEYOR.

| | Snow. | Highway. |
|---|---|---|
| Paid James T. Brown | $5 40 | $ 7 80 |
| Edward L. Kimball | 2 20 | 3 95 |
| Thomas Clark | 80 | |
| Charles Hayward | 1 20 | 3 33 |
| George B. Barnard | 1 80 | 3 95 |
| Jaseph Wesel | 1 80 | 4 57 |
| " " | gravel, | 4 80 |
| Charles H. Stanton | | 1 25 |
| | $13 20 | $29 65 |

# POOR.

### ANDREW JACKSON.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid J. C. Gray, for medicine | $ 9 53 |
| Esther Corbett, board | 37 50 |
| G. A Pickard, expressage, funnel and cleaning stove | 3 25 |
| C. W. Batchelder, dry goods | 1 00 |
| S. E. Thayer, medical attendance | 3 00 |
| J. H. Allen, coffin and robe | 15 00 |
| W. Poole, journey to Salem for above | 3 00 |
| " " attending funeral and interment | 5 00 |
| | $77 28 |

### MARY TUTTLE.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Union Store, supplies | $109 55 |
| C. W. Batchelder, pair shoes | 1 35 |
| Dr. S. E. Thayer, medical attendance | 12 00 |
| " " " " " Mrs. Tuttle | 7 50 |
| | $130 40 |

### RICHARD BURNHAM.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Samuel S. Cook, wood furnished | 8 85 |
| Joseph G. Kent " " | 7 00 |
| Town of Danvers, aid furnished | 17 50 |
| Daniel Richards, supplies | 41 30 |
| E. C. Powers, medicine | 2 25 |
| P. M. Chase, medical attendance | 20 00 |
| | $96 90 |

### MRS. SALLY GOODALE.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Union Store, supplies | $ 39 76 |
| C. W. Batchelder, dry goods | 2 77 |
| Richard Ward, meat | 3 60 |
| Joseph G. Kent, wood | 13 50 |
| John Girdler, coal | 7 50 |
| A. S. Taylor, " | 3 00 |
| cash furnished | 12 50 |
| S. E. Kimball, damper to stove | 15 |
| | $82 78 |

HARRISON M. WILLIAMS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Elias Haskell, for board | $104 | 00 |
| Chas. W. Batchelder, pair of boots | 2 | 50 |
| " " " books | | 84 |
| | $107 | 34 |

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|---|---|---|
| Paid aid furnished Levi S. Groce | $ 2 | 00 |
| S. E. Thayer, medical attendance Mrs. Lakeman | 1 | 50 |
| Town of Revere, aid furnished G. W. Babcock. | 119 | 98 |
| " " Saugus " " " " " " | 21 | 00 |
| City of Boston, " " Sarah Wyatt, 1878 | 48 | 00 |
| " " " " " " " 1879 | 48 | 00 |
| City of Lynn, aid furnished Mrs. Abram Williams | 6 | 50 |
| | $246 | 98 |

TRAMPS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Ordway Kimball & Co., blankets | $ 9 | 00 |
| Louisa M. Shattuck, washing blankets | 2 | 25 |
| J. Preston Jr., chamber pail | 2 | 00 |
| Samuel Porter, 1 3-8 cords wood | 8 | 25 |
| John Riggs, putting up four travellers | 3 | 00 |
| Henry Hobbs, pilot bread | 10 | 72 |
| " " cheese | 1 | 25 |
| " " two lamp chimneys | | 20 |
| " " care of 401 tramps | 18 | 00 |
| | $54 | 67 |

# INCIDENTALS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid D. Bradbury, new steeling pickaxes | $ 1 | 25 |
| Jason Clark, new runners to hearse | 30 | 00 |
| James Bartlett, two journeys to Winchester for salmon, 1878 | 6 | 60 |
| James Bartlett, two journeys to Winchester for salmon, 1879 | 6 | 30 |
| James Bartlett, cash paid for ice and expressing | 1 | 10 |
| J. H. Perkins, two journeys to Winchester for salmon, 1878–79 | 6 | 60 |
| B. H. Conant, care of town clock one year | 20 | 00 |

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|---|---|
| Wellington Pool, administering oaths to Selectmen | 1 65 |
| " " writing and recording cemetery deeds | 1 90 |
| George H. Woodbury, whitewashing receiving tomb | 1 25 |
| Foote & Horton, printing town and school reports | 46 71 |
| " " " tax bills | 3 75 |
| John K. Dodge, sign-post and setting same | 1 50 |
| Union Store, stationery for Selectmen | 30 |
| H. P. Willcomb, tax book and expressing | 3 78 |
| Wm. E. Porter, stock furnished for fence on pound land and labor on same | 4 22 |
| J. Choate, Jr., painting guide-board | 1 75 |
| " " cemetery gates | 3 00 |
| Chas. W. Batchelder, stationery for Selectmen | 1 09 |
| S. E. Kimball, cash paid Ira D. Batchelder, on snow | 25 |
| S. E. Kimball, labor on causeway one-half day | 62 |
| Michael Sullivan, land taken in widening Perkins street | 25 37 |
| | $168 99 |

# TOWN HOUSE AND HALL.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Wellington Pool, care of hall and Selectmen's room | $ 42 65 |
| Wellington Pool, lamp chimneys | 30 |
| Jason Clark, repairing settees | 1 50 |
| " " " locks and filing saw | 1 25 |
| John T. Ropes, two receivers and funnel | 84 |
| B. S. Lunt, funnel and damper | 9 75 |
| George H. Woodbury, labor and stock furnished | 2 10 |
| Charles F Elliott, " " " " | 13 41 |
| John Harrigan, labor on chimney 1878 | 2 25 |
| George Roundy, timber for sill | 3 25 |
| Union Store, kerosene oil, and wicks | 5 30 |
| A. S. Taylor, coal | 11 00 |
| John Girdler, " | 16 00 |
| J. Choate, Jr., painting and setting glass | 3 06 |
| | $112 66 |

# FIRE DEPARTMENT.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Henry Hobbs, straps and leathers | $ | 1 25 |
| James M. Shattuck, labor on engine, hose and sails | | 2 00 |
| P. H. Cavanagh, labor on engine, and sponge | | 1 65 |
| Henry Hale, castor oil | | 1 35 |
| Henry Tarr, keys to engine house | | 50 |
| " " labor on engine, hose and sails | | 3 55 |
| | | $10 30 |

# MONUMENT AND PARK.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Isaac K. Harris, surveying park, and plan | $ | 7 00 |
| Hugh Hill, stone posts and setting same | | 93 75 |
| L. M. Ham & Co., 391 feet iron fence | | 371 45 |
| J. Choate, Jr., painting fence | | 18 33 |
| Geo. E. Norris, copper tube, parchment, and various coins placed in monument | | 4 35 |
| Wellington Pool, labor grading park | | 9 19 |
| W. S. Cummings, " " " | | 34 13 |
| Michael Sullivan, " " " | | 4 15 |
| H. S. Clark, " " " | | 2 25 |
| J. M. Shattuck, " " " | | 2 75 |
| Wesley Burnham, " " " | | 3 50 |
| Daniel Homan, " " " | | 2 50 |
| Henry Hale, grass seed | | 75 |
| Foote & Horton, printing programs | | 7 00 |
| Groveland Band, services May 30th | | 72 50 |
| Isaac Porter, oration " | | 10 00 |
| Elbridge Porter, cash for supplies " | | 6 86 |
| | | $650 46 |

# CONSTABLES AND POLICE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Chas. H. Shattuck, police services July 4th, '79 | $ | 2 00 |
| Benj. F. Young, " " " " | | 2 00 |
| | | $4 00 |

# TOWN OFFICERS.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid R. F. Dodge, 6 days' service | $12 00 |
| J. Choate, Jr., 5 1-2 days' service | 11 00 |
| N. P. Perkins, 25 days' service | 43 75 |
| " " preparing school report and returns | 5 00 |
| | $71 75 |

## COLLECTOR.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Eben Caswell, balance of salary 1878 | $10 00 |
| Union Store, postage | 18 |
| | $10 18 |

## TREASURER.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Samuel Porter, salary | $25 00 |
| " " three journeys to Boston | 9 00 |
| " " five journeys to Salem | 5 00 |
| " " stationery and postage | 30 |
| | $39 30 |

## TOWN CLERK.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Wellington Pool, returning representative vote to Danvers | $ 2 00 |
| Paid Wellington Pool, salary | 20 00 |
| " " stationery and postage | 1 43 |
| " " recording births, marriages and deaths | 17 60 |
| | $41 03 |

## SELECTMEN.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid W. F. Trowt, 18 days' service | $28 80 |
| " " " journeys out of town | 80 |
| " " " conducting correspondence, preparing returns, postage and stationery | 10 00 |
| S. E. Kimball, 16 1-2 days' service | 26 40 |
| J. I. Durgin, 14 days' service | 22 40 |
| | $88 40 |

## ASSESSORS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid W. F. Trowt, 8 days' service | $16 00 |
| S. E. Kimball, 7 1-2 days' service | 15 00 |
| J. I. Durgin, 8 days' service | 16 00 |
| | $47 00 |

## OVERSEERS OF POOR.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid W. F. Trowt, service for the year | $ 6 00 |
| S. E. Kimball, service for the year | 6 00 |
| " " journeys out of town | 4 41 |
| J. I. Durgin, service for the year | 6 00 |
| " " journeys out of town | 3 20 |
| | $25 61 |

# STATE AID.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Eldred Webber | $ 72 00 |
| Mary P. Merrill | 48 00 |
| John A. Hoyt | 32 00 |
| Philip S. Young | 12 00 |
| | $164 00 |

# ABATEMENTS.

## 1877.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paul M. Barnes, poll and personal | $ 2 28 |
| Charles Brown 2 polls and personal | 4 57 |
| Edward Broughton, poll | 2 00 |
| Charles W. Bagley, poll, not liable | 2 00 |
| John P. Dodge, poll | 2 00 |
| Albert E. Day, poll | 2 00 |
| Winslow Day, poll | 2 00 |
| John Flint, poll | 2 00 |
| Augustus Hutchinson, poll | 2 00 |
| H. N. Norcross, poll | 2 00 |
| Orin K. Plummer, poll, not liable | 2 00 |
| Aborn A. P. Lewellyn, poll | 2 00 |
| Alfred J. Merrill, poll | 2 00 |
| George A. Parsons, poll | 2 00 |

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|---|---|
| Charles H. Perry, poll | 2 00 |
| George A. Stanton, poll | 2 00 |
| Frank Tarrieo, poll | 2 00 |
| Austin S. Taylor, poll, not liable | 2 00 |
| Amos C. White, poll | 2 00 |
| Frank Walton, poll | 2 00 |
| Eben Gould, poll | 2 00 |
| M. Monday, poll | 2 00 |
| | $46 85 |

1878.

| | |
|---|---|
| Otis P. Alley, poll | $ 2 00 |
| Benj. W. Adams, poll | 2 00 |
| Charles T. Brown, poll | 2 00 |
| Charles Brown, poll, not liable | 2 00 |
| Charles Byors, poll | 2 00 |
| George D. Babcock, poll | 2 00 |
| Richard H. Cloutman, poll | 2 00 |
| Harvey S. Cook, poll | 2 00 |
| John P. Dodge, poll | 2 00 |
| Albert E. Day, poll | 2 00 |
| Winslow Day, poll | 2 00 |
| Charles F. Dudley, poll | 2 00 |
| Daniel Evans, poll | 2 00 |
| John Flint, poll | 2 00 |
| Eben Gould, poll | 2 00 |
| William Hutchinson, poll | 2 00 |
| Levi C. Hutchinson, poll | 2 00 |
| Frank B. Hill, poll | 2 00 |
| Samuel H. Hawkins, poll | 2 00 |
| John Harrigan, poll | 2 00 |
| Aborn A. P. Lewellyn, poll | 2 00 |
| H. N. Norcross, poll | 2 00 |
| Daniel Rollins, poll | 2 00 |
| Charles H. Shattuck, poll | 2 00 |
| George A. Stanton, poll | 2 00 |
| Seth Stickney, poll | 2 00 |
| Frank Tarrieo, poll | 2 00 |
| Amos C. White, poll | 2 00 |

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|---|---|
| Milton Woodman, poll | 2 00 |
| William Webber, poll | 2 00 |
| Sylvester Welch, poll | 2 00 |
| Frank P. Welch, poll | 2 00 |
| Richard Yeo, poll | 2 00 |
| | $66 00 |

# SUMMARY OF TOWN EXPENSES.

| | |
|---|---|
| Schools, teaching, fuel, care of rooms, &c | $1,242 53 |
| Highway Wards | 495 68 |
| Clearing Snow | 315 79 |
| Poor | 741 68 |
| Tramps | 54 67 |
| Incidentals | 168 99 |
| Monument and Park | 650 46 |
| Town House and Hall | 112 66 |
| Town Officers | 323 27 |
| Fire Department | 10 30 |
| Police and Constables | 4 00 |
| State Aid | 164 00 |
| Interest on town debt and temporary loans | 393 75 |
| Interest on cemetery fund | 29 27 |
| State tax | 165 00 |
| County tax | 538 84 |
| | $5,410 89 |

# TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

## SAMUEL PORTER, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF WENHAM.

| | Dr. |
|---|---|
| To balance in Treasury Feb. 17, 1879 | $1,931 84 |
| Cash received of State Treasurer, corporation tax | 31 48 |
| " " " " Nat'l Bank tax | 262 66 |
| " " " " State aid | 148 00 |
| " " " " relief to indigent soldiers | 213 35 |

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|---|---|
| Cash received of State Treasurer, State school fund | 215 15 |
| Cash received of County Treasurer, dog licenses | 67 30 |
| " " " Mrs. Lakeman, cemetery lot | 12 00 |
| " " " Wm. S. Cummings, " " | 12 00 |
| " " " Zachariah Cole, " " | 12 00 |
| " " " R. Frank Dodge, " " | 12 00 |
| " " " W. Pool, rent of Town Hall | 75 50 |
| " " " " tumbler broken | 15 |
| " " " E. P. Caswell, Collector, 1877 and 1878 | 1,992 09 |
| " " " Jerry Kavanagh, Collector, '79 | 3,375 00 |
| | $8,360 52 |

| | Cr. | |
|---|---|---|
| By payment of Selectmen's orders | $3,690 | 25 |
| " " Interest on town debt | 375 | 00 |
| " " " " temporary loans | 18 | 75 |
| " " " " cemetery fund | 29 | 27 |
| " " part of State note | 2000 | 00 |
| " " State tax | 165 | 00 |
| " " County tax | 538 | 84 |
| " " State aid to Jan. 1, 1880 | 164 | 00 |
| By balance in treasury Feb. 14, 1880 | 1,379 | 41 |
| | $8,360 | 52 |

# Tax Collectors' Account.

## E. P. CASWELL, COLLECTOR, 1877 & '78, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF WENHAM.

| | Dr. | |
|---|---|---|
| To uncollected taxes, 1877 and '78 | $2,072 | 22 |
| Interest on taxes | 32 | 72 |
| | $2,104 | 94 |

| | Cr. |
|---|---|
| By payments to Samuel Porter, Treasurer | 1,992 09 |
| Abatements to tax list of 1877 | 46 85 |
| " " " 1878 | 66 00 |
| | 2,104 94 |

JERRY KAVANAGH, COLLECTOR FOR 1879, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF WENHAM.

| | Dr. |
|---|---|
| To Tax list of 1879 committed to him to collect | $5,327 13 |
| Additions to tax list | 21 06 |
| Interest on taxes | 3 88 |
| | $5,352 07 |

| | Cr. |
|---|---|
| By payments to Samuel Porter, Treasurer | $3,375 00 |
| Balance on highway books, unpaid by orders delivered to him to pay | 429 78 |
| Uncollected taxes | 1,547 29 |
| | $5,352 07 |

# Financial Statement of the Town.

## LIABILITIES.

| | |
|---|---|
| Note due State of Massachusetts | $4,000 00 |
| " J. & A Low | 1,200 00 |
| " Samuel Porter | 200 00 |
| " John I. Durgin | 500 00 |
| " Eliza Hobbs | 100 00 |
| " Trustees of cemetery fund | 475 00 |
| Legacy of Mrs. Mary Perkins, with interest to Feb. 1st, 1880 | 1,627 50 |
| Estimated amount of outstanding bills | 550 00 |
| | $8,652 50 |

## RESOURCES.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash in Treasury | $1,379 41 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Due from Jerry Kavanagh, Collector .... ..... | 1,547 29 |
| " the State, State aid 1879 .... ..... | 164 00 |
| " " " relief to indigent soldiers..... | 61 00 |
| " " Town of Beverly, aid furnished Levi S. Groce .... . ..... ..... | 5 00 |
| | $3.156 70 |
| Balance against the Town..... ..... .. | 5,495 80 |

W. F. TROWT,
S. E. KIMBALL,
J. I. DURGIN,
} Selectmen of Wenham.

# Town Clerk's Report, 1879.

## MARRIAGES.

The number of marriages recorded during the year was 6; with all of the parties it was the first marriage. All were of American birth. Only one was born in Wenham, and but three were residents of the town at the time of their marriage.

## BIRTHS.

The number of births was 16—8 males and 8 females. All were of American parentage.

## DEATHS.

The number of deaths was 21—12 males and 9 females. Nineteen were of American and 2 of foreign birth. Seven were born in Wenham. Eleven were removed from town for interment.

## AGES.

Two were under one year; one was 15, 26, 29, 30, 37, 42, 44, 47, 54, 59, 62, 73. 76, 77; two were 83; one 84, 85, and 92.

In addition to the above, nine were brought here from other places for interment.

## DOGS.

Forty dogs were licensed, and from the amount received therefor, the sum of seventy-six dollars and twenty cents ($76.20) was paid into the County Treasury. The sum returned to the town was $67.30.

WELLINGTON POOL, Town Clerk.

# Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

Essex. ss.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Wenham, in said County.* GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Wenham, qualified to vote in elections, and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Wenham, on MONDAY, the First Day of March next, at NINE o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
2. To act on the Annual Report of the Selectmen.
3. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
4. To see if the Town will vote to increase the number of Assessors, or choose assistant Assessors.
5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the town charges, for the year ensuing, to make appropriation of the same, and determine the manner of collecting.
6. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges.
7. To hear the report of any Committee heretofore chosen, and pass any vote in relation to the same.
8. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for Decoration day.
9. To act on any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the meeting-houses in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of the meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this sixteenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty.

W. F. TROWT,
S. E. KIMBALL,
J. I. DURGIN,
} Selectmen of Wenham.

# ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

# School Committee

—OF THE—

# TOWN OF WENHAM,

—FOR THE—

## Year Ending March, 1871.

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SALEM:
PRINTED AT THE GAZETTE AND MERCURY OFFICE.
1871.

# REPORT.

The School Committee respectfully submit the following report:—

The several public schools in town for the year ending March, A. D. 1871, are now closed; and we propose herewith to note our acts, and explain them. The town granted for school purposes $1600, and the school fund of the State increased it with $148.90. With this amount we have been enabled to continue the schools thirty-four weeks each. We had hoped for longer terms, but as other towns chose to increase the salaries of their teachers, we were compelled to do the same.

The schools commenced under favorable circumstances; we having the good fortune to secure the services of teachers whose qualifications had withstood the test under previous engagements in this town.

For the Grammar School we engaged a male teacher, the others were placed under the charge of females; and we wish to note it here, that the schools taught by lady teachers were very successful, while the Grammar School did not satisfy our expectations. We expended for teaching, fuel, and care of houses, $1718.50.

EAST SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For teaching, | $227 50 | |
| For wood, and care of room | 22 00 | —$249 50 |

NECK SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For teaching | 340 00 | |
| For wood, and care of room | 22 50 | — 362 50 |

CENTRE GRAMMAR.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For teaching | 442 50 | |
| For coal, and care of room | 65 00— | 507 50 |

CENTRAL PRIMARY.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For teaching | 306 00 | |
| For wood, and care of room | 24 00— | 330 00 |

WEST SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For teaching | 253 00 | |
| For wood | 16 00— | $269 00 |

EAST SCHOOL.

KATE C. GRANT, Teacher.

| | Spring. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wages of teacher per month | $25 | 25 | 30 |
| Length of school in weeks | 12 | 10 | 12 |
| Whole number of scholars | 18 | 16 | 22 |
| Average attendance | 16 | 14 | 19 |
| Number under Five | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Number over Fifteen | 1 | 2 | 5 |

This school is located in that part of the town where the people enjoy a "little comfort" in having a good school, and this year, we believe, they have enjoyed a higher degree of prosperity than ever before. Miss Grant, who taught this school throughout the year, commenced with a thorough knowledge of the disposition, and capacity for study, of each pupil, hence was able to commence work in earnest. That she succeeded well was plainly shown to all attending the closing exercises. At this time your committee were fully satisfied, both with the progress each scholar had made, and the manner whereby that knowledge had been imparted. The improvements, in all the classes, were of a character superior to anything ever before noticed in this school. The teacher possessed a large amount of energy, and the power to impart a certain share of it to each of her pupils. No stone was left

unturned to awaken the latent powers of those under her charge; and all quickly learned that they were expected to recite perfect lessons. We are sorry to part with so good a teacher, but, unless our school funds are considerably increased, we shall be obliged to give her up to some more favored school.

## NECK SCHOOL.

MARY F. GREENE, Teacher.

| | Spring. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wages of teacher per month | $40 | 40 | 40 |
| Length of school in weeks | 12 | 10 | 12 |
| Whole number of scholars | 38 | 34 | 24 |
| Average attendance | 31 | 26 | 20 |
| Number under Five, | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Number over Fifteen | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Miss Greene taught this school through the year of 1868, with so good success, that your committee endeavored to retain her for the next year, but were unable so to do. This year she again took charge of the school; and although your committee were well aware that she was eminently qualified for the situation, yet we were not prepared to witness so much improvement and so thorough a discipline as from time to time were noticed during the year. Each scholar seemed to vie with the others in their endeavors to excel. The older pupils attended to higher branches than were taught in the other schools in town, and at the close, they proved that the time thus occupied had not been lost. Some classes deserve especial commendation—among them the Algebra class and those in Mental Arithmetic. The class in Latin also merits our notice. The writing, which was attended to by nearly every scholar, was really fine.

## CENTRAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

| | Spring. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wages of teacher per month | $50 | 60 | 60 |
| Length of school in weeks | 12 | 10 | 12 |
| Whole number of scholars | 42 | 37 | 50 |
| Average attendance | | 30 | 44 |
| Number over Fifteen, | | 1 | 4 |

Mr. Haskell of Beverly commenced the year in this school under favorable auspices, having taught it the previous term, to the satisfaction of your committee and the public generally. At the first visit of the committee, they were satisfied that the teacher had the whole machinery of the school under complete control; and thus the school went on for a few weeks, when it was closed very abruptly by the teacher, without a reason why. Subsequent facts proved that he was suffering under some mental trouble. For two weeks the school was not in session; then it was placed under the charge of Mr. D. Dorchester, of Salem, who came highly recommended. The appearance of the school during the first of the term spoke very plainly of the teacher's ability, but he, too, on account of sickness, was obliged to close before the term had expired. The long vacation ensued, during which time Mr. Sykes, of Salem, applied for the situation, and as his personal appearance, recommendations, and qualifications, were perfectly satisfactory, he was engaged; but taught the school only a few weeks, when he left for a more lucrative position. We were sorry to lose the services of so fine a teacher, but under the circumstances, we could not but rejoice at his good fortune. We next employed Mr. Macintosh, of Boston, and the school went on without interruption to the end of the fall term; when he was re-engaged for the winter term. He was not so successful during the term as was expected. At the first visit this term we found the order unsatisfactory, and the classification faulty; but hoped that, with a little well-meant advice, he would bring the school up to a better standard. Later visits showed an improvement, yet not up to our wishes, as the closing exercises proved.

## CENTRE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

ABBIE M. FELLOWS, Teacher.

| | Spring. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wages of teacher per month | $36 | 36 | 36 |
| Length of school in weeks | 12 | 10 | 12 |
| Whole number of scholars | 52 | 55 | 55 |
| Average attendance | 46 | 35 | 43 |
| Number under Five | 1 | 1 | 1 |

Miss Fellows has finished another year of successful teaching in this school. The prosperity of the school while under her charge during her first year of service here, induced your committee to re-engage her; and we are satisfied that she has well sustained her reputation as a teacher. Good order, perfect lessons, and a marked improvement in all the classes, characterized the school, plainly proving that she was a teacher willing to labor for the advancement of her pupils, regardless of her own time and exertion. That Miss Fellows labored with ability, and accomplished much, we need not state; for we are well assured that all interested are aware of the fact. Although we believe a primary school does not require so thorough a proficiency in book knowledge as others, yet, to successfully control and instruct a school of this kind requires a peculiar tact—a knowledge not to be obtained from books, which Miss Fellows possesses to an eminent degree. Kind to her scholars, even while punishing, she gained their love; hence was able to restrain them without an apparent effort.

## WEST SCHOOL.

LAURA WOODBURY, Teacher.

| | Spring. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wages of teacher per month..... | $30 | 30 | 32 |
| Length of school in weeks..... | 11 | 10 | 12 |
| Whole number of scholars..... | 20 | 20 | 22 |
| Average attendance..... ..... | 17 | 16 | 14 |

We knew what to expect of Miss Woodbury when she commenced her work in this school, for her ability as a teacher had been tested, during the previous year, in another part of the town. During the summer and fall terms the attendance was good, and the general appearance of the school satisfactory. In the winter the school suffered much from irregular attendance, consequent upon sickness. From this cause also, the classes were much reduced in numbers on the day of examination. Those who remained exhibited a good de-

gree of promptness and accuracy in answering questions. The reading was good. Classes in Arithmetic and Geography did themselves much credit. The committee believe that the teacher has endeavored to perform faithfully the duties devolving upon her.

## REMARKS.

The parents' sympathy is always needed to sustain even the best of teachers. Frequent visits to the school-room will encourage your teachers and show to your children that you are interested in their education. By such visits you will know from personal observation how the school progresses, and learn if the teacher is faithful and competent. Parents owe a duty to both teacher and scholar, that the committee are unable to perform; and their visits not only assist the teacher, but often destroy those absurd reports and false impressions which sometimes prevail. True, teachers of experience and tact will occasionally have good schools in the face of all opposition and discouragement; but those are exceptions; for the best of teachers desire and need the sympathy and encouragement which the parents' frequent presence in the school-room will assuredly give. But few people, who have not tried it, realize the amount of labor required to sustain the reputation of a good teacher in our common schools, at least under such circumstances. By examining the Registers, we find no record of any voter's presence in the school-room, excepting at the closing examinations. As visitors, the fathers are a minus quantity, and comparatively few ladies' names are recorded.

## TEACHERS.

We believe more should be required in the qualifications of a teacher than merely a perfect understanding of the text books; and in the choice of teachers we should desire them not only to be proficient in book knowledge, but to possess

the power to maintain order, and also the ability to transmit ideas not contained in the text books. Many scholars, who are able to recite correctly the lessons conned from their books, find a difficulty in explaining, or in demonstrating, the problems thus committed. May we ask where rests the blame? Is it not mainly with the teacher, who is ignorant of the principle himself, or inclined to give as little as possible for his compensation?

## LATIN.

We are aware that there is, in the minds of some in this community, an idea that any time devoted to the study of Latin, is in all cases "wasted time," or at least that it could be much better employed by taking some other study. In fact, they contend that the committee go beyond their authority when they allow it. We believe this to be a mistake. In a town like this, where we have no High School, and where to some of the scholars an academic course is unattainable, we deem it expedient to admit the classics, that those, well advanced in their English studies, may have an opportunity to take Latin. People sometimes fail to realize the value of classical studies, yet at the present time it is admitted, by the best of teachers, that a thorough appreciation of the English language is more fully attained by devoting a portion of the student's time to other languages, even though but a limited amount of time be granted to them; for what the scholar acquires in a few months is a source of enjoyment and power. Your committee have not been able to arrange any special plan for the introduction of Latin, only allowing the study where the pupil was fitted to take it, and the teacher able to instruct.

## DISCIPLINE.

It is unreasonable to suppose that a teacher can maintain implicit obedience, and orderly behavior, in and around the school-room, if he is denied the right to resort to corporal pun-

ishment. True, a *few* teachers are able to conduct a school successfully without recourse to the rod; yet, take away the *right* to use it from even them, and the look of the eye would have less power, the tone of the voice less influence. Therefore we say to all teachers who may have perverse scholars to deal with; after all other means fail, then, as a last resort, inflict corporal punishment; *for good order must be maintained.*

R. FRANK DODGE,
LIZZIE G. KIMBALL,
JOSEPH COOK,
} School Committee of Wenham.

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

# Town of Wenham,

FOR THE

## Year Ending March, 1872.

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SALEM:
PRINTED AT THE ESSEX COUNTY MERCURY OFFICE.
1872.

# REPORT.

To the Citizens of Wenham:—

In compliance with the statutes and an honorable custom, the School Committee present to their fellow-citizens the following report of their proceedings during the year ending March 1, 1872, together with such statements and suggestions concerning the condition and wants of the schools as seem desirable; all of which is respectfully submitted:—

At the last annual town meeting it was voted to raise, for the support of schools, $1600, to which sum was added our proportion of the State School Fund—$133.20. This amount we have endeavored to expend faithfully, and, we hope, satisfactorily to all; continuing the schools thirty-three weeks.

With the exception of a few weeks at the commencement of the winter term in the Centre Grammar School, we regard our schools as a success, and believe that the teachers deserve especial commendation for the good order, perfect lessons, and general efficiency witnessed during the year.

The whole sum expended for teaching, fuel, and care of rooms, amounts to $1723.38.

The whole number of pupils that received the benefit of this amount was 194.

The number over fifteen years of age—22.

EAST SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For teaching | $233 75 | |
| For fuel and care of room | 24 00 | — $257 75 |

NECK SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For teaching | $330 00 | |
| For fuel and care of room | 24 00 | — $354 00 |

CENTRE GRAMMAR.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For teaching | $442 50 | |
| Fuel and care of room | 68 88 | — $511 38 |

CENTRE PRIMARY.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For teaching | $297 00 | |
| Fuel and care of room | 31 50 | — $328 50 |

WEST SCHOOL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For teaching | $236 50 | |
| Fuel and care of room | 35 25 | — $271 75 |

EAST SCHOOL.

KATE C. GRANT, Teacher, Spring Term.
SUSIE BURNHAM, Teacher, Fall and Winter Terms.

| | Spring. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of school in weeks | 11 | 11 | 11 |
| Wages of teacher per month | $30 | $25 | $30 |
| Whole number of scholars | 18 | 14 | 18 |
| Average attendance | 13 2-9 | 11 | 15 1-2 |
| Number under five | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Number over fifteen | 0 | 0 | 3 |

Miss Grant, who took charge of this school at its commencement, had previously taught here with ability and success. The school, under her guidance, moved on with the same prosperity as had marked her former efforts, and all were satisfied. At the end of the Spring term she left, expecting to return in the Fall, but circumstances prevented.

To take the place made vacant by her resignation, we employed Miss Susie Burnham, of Essex. The school remained under her care to the end of the year. To Miss B.

the art of teaching was entirely new ; yet, as she came well recommended by the former teacher, we felt that she would be received with more favor than a stranger with greater experience. Her mental qualifications were fully adequate to her duties, and the school, in many respects, reflected her attainments. A deficiency in discipline was noticed during the Fall term, and the teacher's attention called to the fact. Subsequent visits showed an improvement, and we believed the school was making fair progress, which the closing exercises proved.

NECK SCHOOL.

MARY F. GREENE, Teacher.

| | Spring. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of school in weeks | 11 | 11 | 11 |
| Wages of teacher per month | $40 | $40 | $40 |
| Whole number of scholars | 23 | 24 | 21 |
| Average attendance | 18 1-4 | 19 1-6 | 19 1-2 |
| Number under five | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Number over fifteen | 2 | 2 | 2 |

Miss Greene had taught this school two years, with so much faithfulness and ability that it was thought expedient to retain her among our teachers. Your Committee visited the school occasionally through the year, as the law requires, and at each visit found the same faithfulness manifest, the same ability apparent. The ages of the pupils in this school ranged from five to seventeen years, and, although the number was less than twenty-five, yet the number of classes was necessarily larger than one would expect to find in a school of its size.

The closing examination was good, and showed that the teacher had performed her duties well.

We found that the text-books had not supplied all the knowledge in which the pupils had been instructed, but that even the youngest of the children were interested in gaining new ideas—thoughts suggested by the book, but wholly outside of it.

CENTRE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Mrs. Lizzie G. Kimball, Teacher, Spring and Fall Terms; D. Dorchester, Jr., and Wm. Haskell, Winter Term.

| | Spring. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of school in weeks | 11 | 10 | 12 |
| Wages of teacher per month | $50 | $50 | $60 |
| Whole number of scholars | 55 | 45 | 57 |
| Average attendance | 42 | 40 | 47 |
| Number over fifteen | 8 | 9 | 10 |

When this school was commenced by Mrs. Kimball, it was not in an enviable condition for a teacher to look upon for the first time. Disorder was apparent in every movement of the pupils, and the teacher knew it would require the utmost firmness to reduce the school to order. Your Committee knew the state of the school, and believed the teacher competent to effect a perfect discipline, and in this they were not disappointed; for she soon convinced those inclined to make a disturbance that she was mistress of the situation, and that she would be satisfied with nothing less than perfect obedience. Her work was a success, and she deserves the thanks of all who had children under her charge, as well as of the children themselves. That the pupils appreciated her endeavors was made evident by the presentation of a beautiful picture at the examination at the close of the Fall term.

The Winter term was commenced by D. Dorchester, Jr., of Salem. He remained four weeks, then asked for his dismission, which your Committee granted.

After one week's vacation, we secured the services of William Haskell, of Beverly. Mr. H. brought order out of the confusion that had reigned during the early part of the Winter, and finished the term with marked success. We cannot refrain from expressing the hope that he may be retained another year. We think the town can ill-afford to lose so good a disciplinarian—so excellent an instructor.

CENTRE PRIMARY.

ABBIE M. FELLOWS, Teacher.

| | Spring. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of term in weeks | 11 | 11 | 11 |
| Wages of teacher per month | $36 | $36 | $36 |
| Whole number of scholars | 60 | 57 | 53 |
| Average attendance | 53 | 49 | 43 |
| Number under five | 1 | 0 | 0 |

Two years of successful teaching here gave Miss F. a decided advantage at the commencement. She knew the disposition of each scholar, and the amount of urging that each would require. The school was well arranged at the start, and the tact which the teacher displayed in interesting the young minds with new devices, was noticed and approved. Such changes tend to relieve the monotony of the usual round of study. A patient and cheerful guide is needed in this department, and we think Miss F. eminently qualified for her position. At the annual examination the teacher was the surprised recipient of an appropriate gift, a token of regard from her first class.

WEST SCHOOL.

MARY A. GAGE, Teacher.

| | Spring. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of term in weeks | 11 | 11 | 11 |
| Wages of teacher per month | $28 | $28 | $30 |
| Whole number of scholars | 25 | 24 | 30 |
| Average attendance | 21 | 21 | 24 |
| Number under five | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Number over fifteen | 0 | 1 | 7 |

Although this was Miss Gage's first term of teaching, she early proved to us that she possessed the qualifications of a good teacher. The school was well arranged, good order prevailed, and cheerful industry was required. Your Committee were so well pleased with her movements and

arrangements in the school-room during the Spring and Fall terms, that she was engaged for the Winter. Again she was successful, and at the close of the school your Committee were satisfied that she deserved the commendation of all.

### TEACHERS.

In the judgment of your servants, the Committee, the teachers employed during the year now closed have performed their duties in most cases with credit. Some of them have served you for a long time, and their labors are well known among those for whom they have toiled.

We have witnessed many things deserving our approbation, and some things have passed under our notice which would justify criticism; but in our opinion the proper place to do this is in the school-room, when it is needed. In this respect we have endeavored to do our duty.

We would urge our teachers to remember that they are, voluntarily, public servants. The schools are not for them, but they for the schools. The teacher is expected to communicate not only a knowledge of the text-books, but also to instruct the pupils in ideas derived from sources not appearing in the regular studies, so far as time will permit.

The parents and the public generally who may at any time be disposed to criticise the conduct of the teachers, should bear in mind that the daily task of a school teacher is full of difficulties. Every parent knows that the management of even *one* child requires much care and patience. What, then, must be the tact and fidelity of that teacher who can manage with fair success from twenty to sixty children, with habits and dispositions as different as their faces?

### PROGRESS.

We often hear people say, "We are raising too much school money—doing too much to the school rooms. This room needed no new Dictionary—the old one was good enough; that room was not in want of more black-boards,—

there were none at all in my day." And again they say, "Globes, maps, pictures, paint, are all nonsense,—we can get along without them." Perhaps we can, but how? No man would think of employing a mechanic without tools, and why a teacher? It matters not if we have the *best* of teachers; they cannot work to the best advantage without conveniences. We must keep pace with the times. What was good enough in our fathers' day will by no means suffice for the present generation. We see progress in all other things;—why not in the school room, the starting point of all commercial, mechanical and intellectual pursuits? Our halls, court-rooms, and churches are not the remnant of a former generation. Progress is stamped upon them all; and even our manufactories are built in the most approved styles. Why, then, should not the school buildings be made attractive to the children, who are to occupy them so large a part of the year? Why not make them ornaments to the town, such as should indicate progress?

### PUBLIC ENTHUSIASM.

This, in your Committee's opinion, is one of the great necessities of our schools. Many of our people know little or nothing about the management of our schools, the studies pursued, the successes or failures experienced. They seldom converse upon these subjects,—in a profitable way,—with each other, or with their children; even more seldom do they visit the schools to encourage the teachers and pupils, and inquire after their welfare. Very few are the communications of the parents with the teachers, to whom their own children are intrusted, concerning their peculiarities and the progress they are making.

With such a state of things, could we blame teachers who failed to be enthusiastic? or pupils who failed to prepare their lessons with alacrity? The natural carelessness of many parents about school affairs tends to render school-life repulsive, and increases the impatience of children to leave their books and plunge into business.

The school demands the interest and care of the whole community. It is not enough that your Committee are interested and teachers faithful; they, (the schools,) must have a place in the public interest, and become the objects of enthusiasm. We are confident that a public enthusiasm in regard to schools would tend to remedy the evils now existing in them, and advance the work of education to yet higher results and nobler attainments.

May we then see to it that our children are punctual at school, attentive to their studies, dutiful to their teachers; with these requirements met, a brighter day will soon dawn upon us, in which these, our cherished institutions, shall fulfil the fondest expectations of their founders and sustainers.

R. FRANK DODGE,
HENRY PATCH,
J. E. TINEY,
} School Committee.

Wenham, March 8, 1872.

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

# TOWN OF WENHAM,

FOR THE

## Year ending March, 1873.

SALEM:
PRINTED AT THE GAZETTE AND MERCURY OFFICE.
1873.

# REPORT.

To the Citizens of Wenham:

The close of another year makes it the duty of the Committee to state the condition of our schools, and, as far as practicable, report the progress made during the year. We are aware that the similarity of the subjects treated leads to something of a sameness in the Committee's reports from year to year, but it has been considered of so much importance that the condition and needs of our schools should be kept constantly before the public mind, that the laws of the State require an annual report. The teachers employed during the year have been persons well qualified by education to fill the several places assigned them, and in most cases have displayed more than the average of tact and skill in imparting information to the pupils under their charge. The community should remember that it is unavoidable in some instances that the Committee should employ new teachers. It is easy to decide whether they possess the requisite intellectual attainments, but nothing but experience will decide whether nature ever intended them to teach.

We have expended for teaching, fuel, care of school-rooms, and incidental repairs, the sum of $1760.08. Of this sum $1600 was appropriated by the town, $132.34 was received from the Massachusetts School Fund, and the remainder was taken from the town's proportion of the dog tax received from the County Treasurer.

The whole number of scholars, as reported by the Assessors between the ages of 5 and 15 was 169. The amount of money raised by the town for each scholar was, therefore, $9.46. This is above the average of the cities and towns of the State. By reference to the report of the Secretary of

the Board of Education, it will be seen that the town stands 94th in the list of 340 cities and towns of the State,—that is, 93 towns raise more, and 246 towns less. In the amount of money raised for school purposes in proportion to its valuation, the town stands the 157th, and in the average attendance of scholars the 86th.

### EAST SCHOOL.

Miss Lizzie Conant, Teacher, Summer and Fall Terms.

Miss Caroline O. Spofford and Miss Laura S. Woodbury, Winter Term.

| | Summer. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of school in weeks | 12 | 10 | 12 |
| Wages of teacher per month | $26 | $26 | $30 |
| Whole number of scholars | 18 | 16 | 17 |
| Average attendance | $13\frac{3}{4}$ | $13\frac{2}{3}$ | 14 |
| Number under five | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Number over fifteen | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Having long known Miss Conant as a pupil in our schools, the Committee felt a particular interest in her first attempt at teaching. Although young in years, she possesses maturity of mind which enabled her to comprehend the duties of the station, and to enter at once upon their discharge, without wasting the time of the school with those preliminary experiments with which most young teachers employ their first weeks. A few defects in the discipline of the school were soon corrected, when pointed out by the Committee at their first visit.

The school was examined at the close of the Fall term, and it was found that the various branches required by law to be taught, had been attended to with satisfactory results. Nearly all the questions asked were correctly answered, and the order was such as to reflect credit upon the teacher and scholars.

Miss Spofford came to the school well recommended by a former teacher, and during her brief term of service, gave general satisfaction. Her health failed, however, and she was

obliged to resign at the close of the seventh week. After a few days' delay, Miss Laura S. Woodbury of Hamilton, (who taught the school during the Summer and Winter of 1869,) was engaged to complete the term. She continued as far as possible the classification and course of study marked out by her predecessor, and concluded the school in a manner worthy of her previous reputation. At the close the recitations from the 26 classes into which the school was divided, were of such a character as to indicate a fair improvement for the year.

NECK SCHOOL.

Miss KATE C. GRANT, Teacher.

| | Summer. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of school in weeks | 12 | 10 | 12 |
| Wages of teacher per month | $30 | $30 | $36 |
| Whole number of scholars | 23 | 23 | 26 |
| Average attendance | 19 | $18\frac{1}{3}$ | $21\frac{3}{4}$ |
| Number under five | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Number over fifteen | 1 | 2 | 7 |

The marked success of Miss Grant in a neighboring district, rendered her acceptance of this school a subject for congratulation on the part of the Committee and friends. We are now able to report that their anticipations were more than realized. Under her firm and impartial guidance, the school moved along through the year, without the appearance of any disturbing element to interrupt its harmonious progress. Scholars who heretofore have been considered indolent beyond remedy, were found at the end of the year to have made commendable improvement. The committee visited the school frequently during the year, and always found the school in an excellent working condition, with the best of feeling apparently between the teacher and pupils. The exercises at the closing examination, were very interesting, and were such as may always be expected, when the teacher, scholars, and parents, work together with united purpose. The teacher had apparently aimed at thoroughness, rather than to go

over much space—a commendable trait in any teacher. In the various recitations, questions were answered promptly and with a good tone of voice, and in nearly every instance correctly. In addition to the branches usually taught, we noticed two classes in Algebra, and one in Physiology, studies which we would recommend after the more practical branches are well understood. The Compositions read, were on subjects of a practical character, and showed considerable thought. The Declamations were well chosen, and well committed. The erect position of the scholars in the classes, and their orderly manner in entering and leaving the room, were much admired by the Committee.

CENTRE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Miss Abbie M. Fellows, Teacher.

| | Summer. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of school in weeks | 12 | 10 | 12 |
| Wages of teacher per month | $40 | $40 | $40 |
| Whole number of scholars | 51 | 62 | 58 |
| Average attendance | 40 | 50 | 52 |

Under charge of Miss Fellows this school has enjoyed another prosperous year. The same patient and impartial care, the same ingenuity in devising new methods of illustration, the same cheerfulness, perseverance and tact that have been noticed and commended in previous reports, were still observed, and have been rendered still more effectual by increased experience and a more thorough knowledge of the capabilities of her scholars.

The elementary teacher, more than any other, must draw from her resources to keep alive an interest in the minds of children, who are as yet (many of them) incapable of prolonged study from text books, and have not acquired the power of independent investigation. We believe that Miss F. has realized to its fullest extent, that in the young minds committed to her care, is commenced the formation of their habits, which, gaining strength through the various stages of men-

tal, moral, and physical growth, influence thought and action during the whole subsequent course of school training. We do not consider it extravagant to say that the impressions made upon the minds of the pupils of this school during the four years she has had them in charge, will go with them not only through their coming school course, but through their whole future life.

The good appearance of the school on examination day had been anticipated. The recitations were prompt and spirited, and in addition the visitors could not fail to see that the scholars had received much useful instruction, in regard to the correct pronunciation of words, the proper use of language, habits of observation, good manners, and in various other matters outside of the text-books.

CENTRE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Mr. Wm. Haskell, Teacher.

| | Summer. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of school in weeks | 12 | 10 | 12 |
| Wages of teacher per month | $50 | $50 | $50 |
| Whole number of scholars | 41 | 39 | 42 |
| Average attendance | 36 | 35 | 34 |
| Number over fifteen | 7 | 5 | 5 |

Under the efficient management of Mr. Haskell, this school has continued through the year without serious interruption, and his previous reputation as a thorough disciplinarian has been sustained. The order both in and out of the school room has been much better than the average of former years. Mr. H. has not confined his labors to the number of hours required by law, but has been always ready both before and after school hours, to render assistance to such scholars as chose to apply to him for it. If some scholars have not made so satisfactory an advance in their studies as the amount of time spent might lead us to expect, we feel sure that the fault was not with the teacher. Undoubtedly a more lively enthusiasm on the part of the school would have lightened the labors and

cheered the heart of the teacher, and contributed to a more rapid progress. The attendance during some part of the year has been very irregular, and this fact together with frequent dismissals before the school closed, has exercised a depressing effect. At the close of the term the various classes appeared better than had been anticipated, and questions were answered with considerable accuracy, although not so promptly as we might wish. If the scholars had stood erect when reciting instead of leaning against the ceiling, they would have appeared to much better advantage. A few general exercises would have given more life to the examination, but the teacher thought it better to devote all of the time to the recitations.

### WEST SCHOOL.

Miss Ellen M. Stiles, Teacher, Summer and Fall Terms.
" Mary A. Gage, " Winter Term.

| | Summer. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of school in weeks | 12 | 10 | 12 |
| Wages of teacher per month | $28 | $28 | $35 |
| Average attendance | $22\frac{1}{4}$ | $18\frac{3}{4}$ | 19 |
| Whole number of scholars | 26 | 21 | 21 |
| Number over fifteen years | 1 | 0 | 1 |

Miss Stiles was a graduate of the Salem Normal School, and is well qualified by her literary attainments to teach in our public schools. She commenced her work with many well conceived ideas in regard to teaching, and school government, and the Committee entertained sanguine hopes of her success, which during the Summer term, at least, were realized to a considerable extent. During the Fall term, however, the school seemed to gradually drift beyond the control of the teacher, and for several weeks was not under that easy discipline which is so essential, in order to realize the full benefit of the time expended. The Committee examined the school at the close of the Fall term, and although the order was deficient, found that many of the scholars had made a fair ad-

vance. Some of the classes in Arithmetic, however, were not so prompt nor so far advanced as scholars of their age should have been. Some attention had been given to map drawing with considerable success.

The Committee considered themselves fortunate in securing the services of Miss Gage for the Winter term, she having taught the school with success the previous year. The teacher was therefore well acquainted with the scholars, and the scholars with the teacher. This being the case, there was no necessity for any preliminary skirmishing, to see which should rule during the term, and the scholars entered at once upon their course of study with energy and enthusiasm. The Committee at their several visits, found the order good, and the scholars interested and studious. We noticed with commendation, the various methods of illustration employed by the teacher, in order to make plain to the comprehension of the scholars, those questions and problems, which were not readily understood. On the closing day, every scholar was present, and the exercises were such as to convince the visitors present that the time during the Winter had been profitably spent.

## GENERAL REMARKS.

Drawing. By a recent act of the Legislature, drawing is added to the list of studies required to be taught in the public schools. Some attention has been given to the subject the past year; more especially to map drawing. Most of our teachers are capable of teaching at least the elementary part of the work required, and although we would not make it a daily exercise, we think that a portion of time each week may be devoted to the subject to the advantage of the pupils.

Composition. Writing compositions is generally a very unpopular exercise with scholars, but we believe if it were intelligently and systematically pursued, it would become one of the most valuable and interesting studies in the whole course of school instruction.

It is easy to think and talk at the same time, but it is not so easy to think and write, because in writing order is required in combining and arranging our ideas. The habit therefore must be gradually acquired and commenced early in life. It is the opinion of our best instructors that if the study is not commenced before the age of twelve or fifteen years, it will be very difficult if not impossible to acquire the art of writing our language with ease and elegance. We hope more attention will be given to the subject the coming year.

Dull Scholars. Sometimes teachers are inclined to bestow more attention upon some scholars who may naturally be more gifted than others. This, while somewhat natural, is nevertheless wrong. Some one has well said, "Our dull scholars are the plants which must be the most carefully cultivated." Unless they are watched and encouraged they will be as dull at the end of the year as at the beginning. We know that a hardy plant will mature even if neglected, while a tender one will die.

Irregular Attendance. It is a matter of surprise that so much of the school money is allowed to be wasted by means of the irregular attendance of scholars. We are aware that there are many cases of necessary absence, but we believe there are also many cases where the excuse is trivial. It is a well-known fact that scholars irregular in attendance are not likely to acquire fixed habits of study, and probably will acquire no taste for it. Then again, lessons are gone over, ideas developed and explanations made, which the absent scholar loses the benefit of; and as a consequence becomes discouraged and falls behind the class. If this state of things continues for a number of terms, it is easy to see that such scholars may finally become ashamed at being behind their mates and companions, and will leave the school at the earliest opportunity.

Morals. We should not forget that one of the earliest and most important ideas held by those who laid the founda-

tion of our common schools, was the teaching of morality to the young. No occasion which may arise for inculcating lessons of morality should be neglected, although we cannot expect the public school to do the work of the church and the home. One way by which teachers may contribute largely towards making future good citizens, is by securing the unquestioning obedience of their scholars, and by inculcating that respect for authority, which is so essential not only for the welfare of our schools but for the permanency of our republican institutions.

As we reflect upon the fact that a large proportion of the children of our town will receive from our common schools all the education they will ever obtain, our duty to sustain and improve them becomes still more manifest and imperative. While we can never expect to have those advantages which are enjoyed by more densely populated communities, shall we not make still greater efforts to improve to the uttermost those privileges we do have? We should not forget that many of the most distinguished men in our country have arisen not from our large cities, but from those communities where their early advantages were even less than those which we possess.

Respectfully submitted,

N. P. PERKINS,
HENRY PATCH,
JOHN GENTLEE,
} School Committee.

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

# TOWN OF WENHAM,

FOR THE

## Year ending March, 1874.

SALEM, MASS:
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# REPORT.

To the Citizens of Wenham:—

The close of another year brings with it the annual duty of the School Committee to present to the town a brief report of the operations of the several schools, together with such recommendations as in their judgment will promote their efficiency in the future. We have endeavored to be impartial in our supervision of the schools, bestowing censure or praise according as either were deserved. The generous appropriation of the town has enabled us to procure teachers of competent ability, and it is confidently believed that no previous year has been marked by better results in the prosecution of our educational work. We are aware that in some instances the wages paid have been higher than the size of the school would seem to warrant, but when the alternative was presented of either advancing the wages or losing the services of tried and faithful teachers, we felt it our duty not to hesitate. We cannot have good schools unless we have good teachers, and as good teachers are everywhere in demand, we must pay the market price or lose them. To employ poor teachers is the poorest kind of poor economy. The temporary suspension of the schools in the East and West Districts has prevented the appearance of this report at an earlier date. The whole amount expended for school purposes has been $1751.39. Of this sum $1600 was appropriated by the town. $131.13 was received from Massachusetts school fund, and the remainder was taken from dog tax received from County Treasurer. The number of scholars in town, as reported by the Assessors, was 160. The amount of money raised by the town for each scholar was $10.

## EAST SCHOOL.

Miss Ettie O. Patch, Teacher.

| | Summer. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of school in weeks | 12 | 10 | 12 |
| Wages of teacher per month | $26 | $26 | $30 |
| Whole number of scholars | 18 | 18 | 22 |
| Average attendance, | 16 1-2 | 16 2-3 | 20 2-3 |
| Number under five years of age | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Number over fifteen years of age | 0 | 0 | 2 |

Miss Patch had no previous experience, but had evidently given the subject of teaching much thought, and therefore entered upon her duties in a more understanding manner than is the case with most young teachers. The Committee noticed with approval the energy and enthusiasm which characterized her daily management of the school, and with the exception of a little laxity in some matters of discipline, found no cause for complaint. The presence of several larger scholars at the Winter term rendered government somewhat more difficult, but we believe that the teacher succeeded in maintaining her position as the head of the school without serious trouble. The illness of the teacher caused a temporary suspension of the school during the winter, but fortunately she recovered in season to complete the term without serious interruption.

The school was examined March 23d, and every scholar was found to be present. The various recitations afforded proof of no doubtful character that the instruction given had been accurate and thorough. The reading and spelling were remarkably good, and the classes in arithmetic were farther advanced than we expected. Other branches had received careful attention. The general exercises, including the singing, were much enjoyed by the visitors present.

## NECK SCHOOL.

Miss Kate C. Grant, Teacher.

| | Summer. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of School in weeks | 12 | 10 | 12 |
| Wages of Teacher per month | $36 | 36 | 40 |
| Whole number of Scholars | 22 | 24 | 29 |
| Average attendance | 18 | 21 | 23 |
| Number of Scholars over 15 years | 0 | 0 | 15 |

At the commencement of the year, our greatest anxiety in regard to this school was, whether Miss Grant could be induced to remain as their teacher. After that was decided in the affirmative, we felt that success was assured. Our anticipations have been more than realized. The progress of the school, both in their studies and in general decorum, has been such as to give satisfaction to all friends of the school. Prompt, energetic, industrious, and a lover of good order herself, she largely infused like qualities into the minds of her scholars. Although the school was small in numbers, yet the difference in the attainments of members rendered a large number of classes necessary. The time of the teacher was therefore constantly occupied, even more closely than it would have been in a graded school of much larger size. The large number of friends present at the closing examination, indicated that the school had occupied a large place in the hearts of the people of the District. While all the classes appeared well, we thought the classes in Arithmetic deserved special praise for their rapid and intelligent progress. In some instances, the advance was remarkable, considering the age of the scholars. The School Papers, called "The Supplement to the Wenham Star," contained much original matter which was creditable to the scholars, and added much to the interest of the afternoon.

The school room was tastefully decorated with evergreen, mottoes and pictures.

## CENTRE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Miss Kate T. Patterson, - Teacher.

| | Summer. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of School in weeks..... | 12 | 10 | 12 |
| Wages of Teacher per month..... | $35 | $35 | $35 |
| Whole number of Scholars. ..... | 44 | 49 | 41 |
| Average attendance..... | 42 3-100 | 46 84-100 | 37 62-100 |

For a long time this school has been favored with teachers of marked ability, who have brought it to a high standing. There was therefore considerable anxiety felt in the District, when the resignation of Miss Fellows was announced, as to who should be her successor. After considerable search and inquiry, the committee engaged Miss Patterson for the position.

During the first part of the year, owing in part perhaps to the great attachment of the scholars to their former teacher, she found rather up hill work; but as the term pro gressed, and the teacher became more familiar with the different dispositions of her scholars, and they better acquainted with her methods of instruction and government, a marked improvement was perceptible, which was continued through the year. We commend the patient industry of the teacher, which, by its quiet workings, overcame obstacles which were so disheartening, and conquered a place in the affections of her pupils. The winter term was more prosperous than either of the others. The closing examination was well attended, and the scholars by their prompt recitations, gave abundant evidence that they had been faithfully instructed in those branches which were suitable to scholars of their age.

## CENTRE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Miss Abbie M. Fellows, Teacher.

| | Summer. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of School in weeks,..... | 12 | 10 | 12 |
| Wages of teacher per month,..... | $50 | $50 | $50 |
| Whole number of scholars,..... ..... | 52 | 49 | 48 |
| Average attendance..... | 48 | 46 | 47 |
| Number over 15 years of age..... | 4 | 3 | 3 |

The reputation of Miss Fellows as a successful primary school teacher has long been established. The experience of the past year has proved that she possesses equal capabilities as an instructor of older scholars. Her mode of government is mild but effectual. The scholars dreaded her displeasure, not from fear of punishment, but because of their sincere love and respect for her. While her manner towards her scholars was perfectly familiar, yet she never allowed them to forget for a moment which was her place, and which was theirs. It is but just to the parents of the district to say that they cordially co-operated with the teacher in all her plans for the advancement of the school, and thereby rendered valuable assistance. The results of the year were such as may be expected, when the discipline of the school is so perfect, and the cooperation of the parents so general. Those scholars who have heretofore been dull and backward seemed to receive a new impetus, while those who have always done well did still better. The teacher was fully alive to the fact that she had something to do besides merely to ask the questions, and it was her constant endeavor to throw light upon the subjects taught by familiar illustrations drawn from sour ces outside of the text books. Interspersed with all her teaching were many useful instructions in regard to their duties to society, and to each other, and their future conduct in life. The committee were not disappointed at the close of the school, but found the scholars prompt and thorough. The order was perfect, and all the requests of the teacher were instantly and cheerfully complied with. Want of time prevented anything like a thorough examination, and the recitation of several classes was necessarily omitted; but it was evident that all the branches required by law had been taught with profit, and there were also classes in physiology, algebra and physical geography. At the close of the examination, Miss Fellows and Miss Patterson were each the recipient of a handsome book from their scholars, as a token of their love and esteem.

## WEST SCHOOL.

Miss Mary A. Gage,
Miss Emma A. Dodge, } Teachers.

| | Summer. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of School in weeks, | 12 | 10 | 12 |
| Wages of teacher per month | $36 | $36 | $40 & 28 |
| Whole number of scholars | 24 | 24 | 21 |
| Average attendance, | 22 | 21 | 17 |

The condition of this school illustrates the wisdom of retaining a good teacher in the same school as long as she can be induced to remain. The same effective and impartial discipline, thoughtful care in regard to the details of the various recitations, and earnest endeavors that the principles taught should be thoroughly understood, which have been noticed in previous reports, were still apparent. The scholars in this school are all comparatively young in years, and were not, therefore, so far advanced in their studies as at some former terms. The school moved along pleasantly, and with uninterrupted progress during the summer and fall terms, and for the first five weeks of the winter term, when the teacher was suddenly prostrated with sickness. The committee hoped that her illness would be but temporary, and thought it would be best for the interests of the school to wait for her recovery, rather than employ a new teacher; but finally after a lapse of four weeks, reluctantly accepted her resignation.

Miss Emma A. Dodge, whose education at our own schools had been supplemented by a course of study at Salem and Ipswich, was employed to complete the term, and we are of the opinion that the school suffered as little from the change as can be expected, when a change is made in the middle of the term. Miss D. was earnest to know her duty and to perform it faithfully, and we are confident that she gave to the school her almost constant thought, and her most painstaking labor. At the close of the term we felt that she had

performed her work well, and merited the approbation of all interested in the welfare of the school. The register indicated more cases of absence than are usual for this school, although a few scholars had attended every day for the year.

## GENERAL REMARKS.

*Attendance.*—We are aware that this is a chronic subject for school reports; we shall add but a few words to what has been said in former reports. While there is less reason to complain in regard to irregular attendance than for some previous years, yet there are still many individual cases where scholars are greatly hindered in their progress from this cause. We cannot but think that there are some parents who do not perform their whole duty in this respect. They should not only advise and recommend their children to attend school regularly, they should insist upon it, and above all not detain them at home for any trivial reason, or to perform any trifling service. The right of parents to control their own children is admitted by all, but that right has certain limitations. The child has rights, and society has rights. The child has a right to such training as shall fit him for enjoyment and usefulness in a civilized community, and as ignorance is dangerous to our free institutions, society has also the right to demand that every child shall be so educated as to be better able to bear the burdens and responsibilities which will certainly come upon him in the future. Some one has well said that "the only legitimate causes which can morally excuse parents from sending their children regularly to school, are sickness and domestic affliction."

*Obedience.* If we understand the laws of the State, it is required that every scholar shall place himself completely under the control of the teacher, ready to obey every rule and regulation of the teacher as approved by the committee. It is greatly to be preferred that obedience should be rendered willingly and cheerfully, but at any rate it *must* be given, or the usefulness of the school is at an end. There can be no partial compliance to suit the particular desire of the parent,

or the inclination of the scholar. Parents may sometimes think that certain rules are too arbitrary, or that their children are not physically or mentally able to meet the requirements demanded; if so the scholars should not be made aware of the opinion of the parent and thereby practically encouraged to disobedience. The proper remedy is through the teachers or committee, which will be cheerfully granted, if not detrimental to the interests of the school. It is sometimes difficult for scholars to see the reasons for such and such requirements; it is therefore highly important that the teacher should be aided by powerful home influence. Matters of discipline should not be questioned in the presence of the scholars; they should only know that while at school it is their duty to *obey*.

*Teachers.*—While much is required of scholars in the way of regular attendance and perfect obedience, in order to have a successful school, there is also much that is required of the teacher. There is enough to do, even in our smallest schools, to call into exercise all of the faculties of the teacher, and also largely to occupy her thoughts outside of the school-room. First of all the teacher should learn to govern herself; to lose her temper in the presence of her scholars will be to lower herself to their level. She should never forget that her government must be the kind, firm, and just government of the teacher, not the rule of the tyrant. Another demand of the times, which requires talent and training on the part of the teacher, is for more oral instruction and explanation. It is not sufficient that a lesson should be committed to memory, with some scholars; it might as well be in an unknown language, if the teacher does not, by questions and illustrations, draw out the thoughts and ideas of the class, so that the principle may be made clear. The teacher who has a true conception of a complete and symmetrical education, understands also that the moral nature should be developed in connection with the intellectual. Scholars should be taught that all the blandishment of literature, the boastful pride of science, and the precision of

mathematics, are as nothing to them unless they possess simple integrity of character. Mere intellect is a blind giant, cold, and sometimes repulsive, and will not lead to usefulness and happiness unless it is controlled and regulated by principles of justice, humanity, truth, temperance, and those other virtues which commend themselves to the thoughtful intelligence of the community.

Taking all things into consideration, we close the year with a hopeful view of the future. The cheerful alacrity with which all sums of money asked for by the committee for school purposes, are granted by the town, the increased regularity of attendance, the increased number of visits to the schools on the part of the parents, all indicate a more intelligent, generous, and enthusiastic public opinion, which may be relied upon to foster and maintain the interests of our schools. May the day be far distant when we shall cease to prize them, or fail to give them that support which shall the most truly promote their welfare and efficiency.

Respectfully submitted,

N. P. PERKINS,
HENRY PATCH,
JOHN GENTLEE,
} School Committee of Wenham.

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

# TOWN OF WENHAM,

FOR THE

## Year Ending March, 1875.

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SALEM:
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# REPORT.

To the Citizens of Wenham:

The public schools for the year 1874–5 having now closed, it becomes the duty of the School Committee and citizens, to consider together their condition and prospects. The mistakes and deficiencies of the past should guide us to a more intelligent action in the future, while whatever has been well done in any particular direction should encourage us to labor for still greater results. The Committee are deeply conscious that they are deficient in many qualifications, which, if possessed, would conduce to a more intelligent supervision of our schools. But those of our fellow-citizens who are better qualified by having received a liberal education, do not see their way clear to perform the duties of the office, and therefore the task has devolved upon those whose educational training has been much more limited.

The teachers employed have all had previous experience in town, and therefore commenced the year with the advantage of a familiar acquaintance with their pupils. We believe they have all labored with diligence and average success in their several schools, and they have always been ready to receive any suggestions from the Committee and act upon them promptly. The Committee are of the opinion, and their views have been heartily seconded by the teachers, that those branches of study should receive the most attention which will be likely to be of the most practical use in the after life of the scholars.

The whole amount of money expended for school purposes has been $1769.57. Of this amount $1600 was appropriated by the town and the remainder was received from State School Fund. The whole number of scholars in town as reported by the assessors was 155. The amount of money raised for each scholar was $10.32.

## EAST SCHOOL.

Miss Ettie O. Patch, Teacher.

| | Summer. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of school in weeks..... | 12 | 10 | 12 |
| Wages of teacher per month..... | $28 | 28 | 30 |
| Average attendance..... | 17 | 14 | 17⅓ |
| Whole number of scholars..... | 18 | 16 | 18 |

The second year of Miss Patch's service in this school has proved even more successful than the first. The experience of the first year revealed to her some of those defects in manner and methods of teaching, which are common to young teachers, and it has been her earnest endeavor to profit by the instruction thus received. Under her energetic lead this has been a wide awake school throughout the year. The average attendance of scholars has been better than usual, which is a strong indication that the school has been a pleasant place to them. A few days before the school closed several of the scholars and some of the parents were suddenly prostrated with sickness, so that, very reluctantly to themselves, some of the scholars were obliged to be absent on the day of examination. Those that were present recited promptly and well. Recitations were listened to from 21 classes, besides general exercises. The Committee thought the classes in arithmetic were further advanced according to the age of the scholars than they had ever before noticed in this school. The explanations in fractions and other rules were very clear and accurate. The progress and promptness in other branches was also commendable. Not as many visitors as usual were present, owing no doubt to the prevalent sickness in the neighborhood.

## NECK SCHOOL.

Miss K. C. Grant,
Miss Lizzie Conant, } Teachers.

| | Summer. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of school in weeks..... | 11 | 11 | 12 |
| Wages of teachers per month..... $40 & | 28 | 28 | 30 |
| Whole number of scholars..... | 25 | 19 | 23 |
| Average attendance..... | 21 | 17 | 17½ |

Miss Grant continued in this school during the Summer term with her usual success; at its close, however, she accepted a higher position in a distant state. The community and the Committee reluctantly parted with so faithful and successful a teacher.

Miss Conant commenced the school with the advantage of an acquaintance with the scholars, she having for a long time been a resident of the district. Her unblemished character gave her also the confidence of the parents, although her previous experience had been limited. We believe that she gave her undivided attention to the school, and the results have been satisfactory. The discipline was thought to be somewhat defective during the Fall term, but steadily improved, and at the close of the Winter term would compare favorably with that under the previous teacher. The examination was held Feb. 19th, and was much better than the Committee expected, as the attendance was very irregular during the winter on account of sickness and the severity of the weather. The classes in Arithmetic had made rapid progress, and several had gone through the book. We were glad to see that those scholars who studied Eaton's Arithmetic had also taken Colburn's Mental, and some quite difficult mental operations were performed. The reading was not as good as we have sometimes heard in this school, as most of the scholars are young. Recitations in Geography, Grammar, and History, were very good. The writing books were neatly kept, and the general exercises were interesting.

## CENTRE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Miss KATE T. PATTERSON, Teacher.

| | Summer. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of school in weeks..... | 12 | 10 | 12 |
| Wages of teacher per month..... | $40 | 40 | 40 |
| Whole number of scholars..... | 52 | 56 | 50 |
| Average attendance..... ..... | 46 | 49 | 34 |

The successful management of this department requires a careful and skilful leader, as the habits and methods of thought and study which are formed here will be likely to go with the scholars through their whole school life. For a long time this school has stood high in the estimation of the Committee and the district, and we are glad to state, that in our opinion the standing of the school has suffered no detriment under the present teacher. Whatever complaints exist, or have existed, in regard to the management of the school, we think can be explained to the satisfaction of all unprejudiced persons. We generally judge of the quality of the teaching by the results accomplished, and we think the good results of the year's work were plainly evident to the large number of visitors who listened to the exercises at the closing examination, which did not take place until March 18th, as the school had been closed nearly four weeks during the winter, on account of the prevalence of measles among the children, and the illness of the teacher. The classes in Reading and Spelling recited in a manner creditable to scholars of their age. The scholars in Mental Arithmetic recited well, and with reasonable correctness. One class of eleven had gone through reduction of Compound Numbers in Eaton's Arithmetic, and recited definitions and tables and performed examples in an understanding manner. The map drawing by the first class in Geography was much admired. Some of the smaller scholars, who commenced the year with only a knowledge of the alphabet, had made quite remarkable progress. Recitations, songs, and dialogues, afforded an agreeable variation to the exercises.

## CENTRE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Miss Abbie M. Fellows, Teacher.

| | Summer. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of school in weeks | 12 | 10 | 12 |
| Wages of teacher per month | $50 | $50 | $50 |
| Whole number of scholars | 38 | 38 | 37 |
| Average attendance | 30 | 34 | 26 |

Under the care of Miss Fellows this school has enjoyed another prosperous year. In matters of discipline, deportment, and general efficiency, we think the school never stood higher than at the present time. This is of course owing mainly to the skill and tact of the teacher, but is also owing partly to the fact that the parents have generally co-operated, and also to the fact that there is less of the disorderly reform school element among the scholars than has been the case in former years. What was said in regard to this school and teacher in the last annual report, can still be said with truth, with added improvement in many particulars, brought about by the increased experience and her better acquaintance with the habits and dispositions of the scholars. At the closing examination, about one hundred visitors were present, and the exercises were of a very interesting character. As had been requested by the Committee, particular attention had been given to Reading, Spelling, Arithmetic, and Writing, and from what was seen and heard in these departments, it was evident that nearly every scholar had made decided, and, in some cases, quite remarkable improvement. Good recitations were also noticed in Grammar, Physical Geography, Algebra, and Physiology. In the hurry of the afternoon, two or three classes were omitted; but from previous visits the Committee are able to report that their standing was in keeping with the rest of the school. One scholar, Addie Alley, has been absent but one day for four years. Since the commencement of the winter term, two of the most promising scholars, Chas. A. Stanton and Geo. F. Dodge have been removed by death. Studious, obedient, and good tempered, they were much be-

loved by teachers and scholars, and respected by the community. May their surviving schoolmates strive to imitate the many good and noble qualities of their characters.

## WEST SCHOOL.

Miss Emma A. Dodge, Teacher.

| | Summer. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of school in weeks | 12 | 10 | 12 |
| Wages of teacher per month | $28 | 28 | 30 |
| Whole number of scholars | 21 | 20 | 21 |
| Average attendance | 17 | 18 | 17 |

The success which Miss Dodge had met with in concluding the winter the previous year, induced the Committee to again place her in charge of this school. The visits of the Committee at different times satisfied them that the teacher was endeavoring to understand the duties of her position and perform them impartially. The order was good and was maintained without much severity. We thought the teacher possessed in a very good degree that important faculty, which so few have, that of being able to hear a recitation and keep the rest of the school in order at the same time. The classification of the school was rather a difficult matter, the attainments of the scholars were so various. The formation of a large number of classes indicated the desire of the teacher not to keep back any who were able to advance more rapidly than the rest of their class. At the close of school, March 3d, the Committee thought that the advance made by the scholars would compare favorably with other schools. More time spent in review would probably have enabled the scholars to have answered a little more promptly. The classes in Reading and Spelling appeared well, we thought better than last year. The classes in Arithmetic recited rules and definitions well, but failed somewhat in the application. Recitations in other branches revealed considerable difference in ability to answer, but most of the scholars answered

correctly. The school paper called the "Mapleville Gem" was well read by the two oldest girls, and contained much interesting matter which was creditable to the scholars whose names were attached to the different articles.

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## CONCLUDING REMARKS.

The Reading books now in use in our schools have been in use for a long time and the scholars have become somewhat familiar with them; a change is therefore desirable, but in view of the dullness of the times we shall not press it this year unless very liberal terms can be procured of the publishers.

By a recent act of the legislature, towns are authorized, if they so vote, to furnish school books at the expense of the town. The Committee do not recommend the adoption of this plan, believing that the scholars will take better care of books belonging to themselves than they would if they belonged to the town. Some of the towns in the vicinity have voted to adopt this system, and we shall look with interest for the result of its workings in practical operation.

By an act of the legislature of 1874 towns of a small valuation receive a larger proportion of the State School fund than formerly. We believe this to be a righteous act. The property of the state is largely attracted to the cities and larger towns, and the rate of taxation for school purposes is therefore much higher in the smaller towns. The present manner of distributing the School fund will greatly assist them. Under it this town received $100 more than last year.

We have been sorry to ascertain that the opinion prevails with some, that the Committee always sustain the teachers in their management, whether they be right or wrong. This is

a mistake. All cases of alleged unfairness, injustice, or neglect of duty, that have been brought to our notice, have been promptly investigated, and if the teachers have been found to have been in the wrong, they have been told that a different course was expected. The reason why the Committee sometimes *seem* to be one-sided, is because they have better facilities for knowing both sides of the question than others, and, as is well known, a decision based upon a knowledge of both sides of a question, is very different from one where only one side is known. We have always found our teachers to be reasonable beings, willing to be put right when they are shown to have been in the wrong, and we believe that if there was more freeness of consultation between the parents, teachers, and committee, there would be less complaint of injustice and arbitrary management.

As we have before intimated, we have directed that more attention be given to those branches of study which will be of the most practical use, such as Reading, Spelling, Writing, and Arithmetic. We believe that Colburn's Mental Arithmetic should be more generally used by the higher classes, until they are perfectly familiar with every part of it. We shall urge that more attention be given to map drawing in connection with the study of Geography, and the Writing of Compositions once in two weeks in connection with the study of Grammar. After the common branches are well understood, we have no objection to higher Mathematics, Philosophy, &c.

We cannot forbear to again urge the idea that the conscience as well as the intellect needs to be educated. In these days of corruption in the political and business world, when crime of all kinds is increasing on every hand, it becomes a matter of the greatest importance to us, that the children of our schools should be taught those great principles of honesty, truth and morality, which will enable them to stand firm amid the temptations which will beset them on every side. Not a day can pass in any school in which many opportunities are not offered to the intelligent teacher, to

impress upon the minds of the children important and valuable lessons. Vulgarity, profanity and low and mean actions should be held up to scorn and detestation, while good actions, kind deeds, and pure language, should be praised and held up as models for the imitation of all. The two great commandments and the golden rule should be taught here as well as in the sabbath school.

In all our schools there are some who may be classed as dull scholars, and one of the most important and perplexing problems for our teachers is, how can we do the most for them. A writer on this subject, has said: "Dulness is of many varieties. It may indicate only sluggishness, in which case there may be as much depth but less activity than in other minds; or it may indicate immaturity merely, as some minds develop at an earlier age than others; or it may be the result of natural or habitual indolence; or it may be taken, as it often is, as an indication of a slender endowment." That is the best school which does the most for this class of scholars. Under the poorest conditions, quick, bright intellects will inevitably make progress in study; but to quicken the sluggish mind, to assist a tardy development, to stimulate indolence to habits of industry, to guide weakness to the accession of unwonted strength—these things demand the highest qualities and test the eminent merits of the teacher.

It is of course quite superfluous for us to occupy space in discussing the benefits of our common scoool system of education. The question of its importance is as well settled by the negative evidence furnished by those places where its advantages have not been enjoyed, as by the positive results plainly seen where the education of all is one of the chief cares of the state. But is there not danger, however, from the very fact that these blessings are so common and so free to all, that like the common and free blessings of nature, we may fail to appreciate them at their full value.

In the coming year, as in the past, it will be our earnest endeavor, in the employment of teachers, in our supervision

of the schools, and in arranging the various details of their management, to so decide and act, as shall best promote their real interests. Whatever mistakes we may make will be errors of judgment and not of intention. We invite the co-operation of all, that we may receive the full benefit of the liberal appropriation of the town.

Respectfully submitted,

N. P. PERKINS,
JOHN GENTLEE,
JEREMIAH CHOATE, Jr.,
} School Committee of Wenham.

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

# TOWN OF WENHAM,

FOR THE

## Year Ending March, 1876.

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SALEM.
PRESS OF THE ESSEX COUNTY MERCURY.
1876.

# REPORT.

To the Citizens of Wenham:—

In presenting their annual report, the Committee are happy to say that our schools have enjoyed another year of general prosperity. The teachers have been faithful, and the parents have, we think, with few exceptions, cordially cooperated. The Committee, or one of their number, (in accordance with a statute of the state) have visited the schools at the commencement and close, and also once in a month during the intermediate time. At these visits we have endeavored to ascertain in regard to the "regulation and discipline of the schools and the habits and proficiency of the scholars." We have found some things to correct and censure, but more to approve and praise. The length of the schools has been the same as for several years past, (8 1-2 months) which we think is as long as scholars can be kept in school with profit in any one year. The amount appropriated by the town for support of schools, was $1500. The amount received from the State school fund was $231.08; dog tax, $78.25; making in all, $1809.33. The amount paid for teaching has been $1,540.50; and for fuel, care of school rooms, chalk, ink, books, incidental repairs, &c., $264.24; making in all, $1,804.74. The number of scholars in town, as reported by the assessors, was 166. The amount that was raised for each scholar, therefore, was $9.03.

By reference to the Report of the Board of Education, we find that in the comparative amount of money appropriated for each scholar, this town stands the 154th in the list of 339 cities and towns of the state. In the percentage of property appropriated for the support of schools, the 194th; and in the average attendance of scholars, the 35th. In the

list of 34 cities and towns in the county, Wenham stands the 22d in the amount appropriated for each scholar, the 19th in the percentage of taxable property appropriated for school purposes, and the 4th in the average attendance of scholars.

## EAST SCHOOL.

### Miss Ettie O. Patch, Teacher.

| | Summer. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of school in weeks, | 12 | 10 | 12 |
| Wages of teacher per month, | $30 | $30 | $30 |
| Average attendance, | 15¾ | 15 | 16½ |
| Whole number of scholars, | 18 | 17 | 18 |

Number of visits by the Committee during the year, 10.
Number of other visitors during the year, 36.

This has been Miss Patch's third year of service in this school. That there are advantages in retaining a faithful teacher in the same position for a number of years cannot be denied. The effectiveness of the labors of this teacher was greatly increased by her previous knowledge of the pupils. The school is so small in numbers that several children were admitted from Beverly, upon such terms as were agreed upon by the committee and the parents of the children. At our several visits we always went away feeling that a good work was being done. At the closing examination the school room was well filled with visitors, which was a pleasing indication that the school had a large place in the hearts of the people of the district. The Committee were satisfied that the advance which had been made by the scholars in the different branches of study was all that could reasonably be expected, and the promptness of all in answering nearly every question that was asked them, was admired by all. The school room was tastefully decorated with evergreen and mottoes. One scholar, Cynthia Morrill, aged eleven years, was called away by death in the middle of the fall term. She was a studious and obedient scholar, and left a good record of her short life.

## NECK SCHOOL.

Miss M. E. Conant, Teacher.

| | Summer. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of school in weeks, | 12 | 10 | 12 |
| Wages of teacher per month, | $30 | $30 | $30 |
| Whole number of scholars, | 28 | 30 | 32 |
| Average attendance, | 22 | 26½ | 27 |

Number of visits by the Committee during the year, 11.

Number of other visitors during the year, 39.

This school has somewhat increased in numbers from last year, but is composed mostly of young scholars. We believe that Miss Conant has labored diligently and faithfully to advance her pupils in their several departments of study, and the progress has been entirely satisfactory to the Committee, and we believe to the parents. We found that several scholars from nine to eleven years of age had gone nearly though decimal fractions in Eaton's Arithmetic, and were proportionately advanced in other studies, which record, for the age, we think is not often matched in our schools. The order on the part of most of the scholars was very good, but we thought that a few of the boys were not at all times so orderly in their deportment as they should have been, and caused the teacher considerable anxiety. A record of each scholar's standing was kept by the teacher, which was sent home weekly for the inspection and signature of the parents. A communication was thus kept up between the teacher and parents, which we think was beneficial. At the closing examination we listened to recitations from seven classes in reading and spelling, 5 classes in Eaton's arithmetic, four in mental arithmetic, four classes in grammar, three in geography, and one each in history and algebra, which, with declamations, readings, compositions and singing, numbered forty-five different exercises. We regard the school as having been very successful, and commend the teacher for her fidelity. It is with sadness that we record the death of one of this band

of scholars,—Arthur Wilkins, aged seven years, during the summer term. Although one of the youngest, his many good qualities will cause him long to be remembered.

## CENTRE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Miss Kate F. Patterson, . . . Teacher.

| | Summer. | Fall. | Winter |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of school in weeks, | 12 | 10 | 12 |
| Wages of teacher per month, | $40 | $40 | $40 |
| Whole number of scholars, | 53 | 61 | 51 |
| Average attendance, | 49⅓ | 53½ | 49 |

Number of visits by the Committee during the year, 11.

Number of other visitors during the year, 40.

Under the care of Miss Patterson we are glad to report that this school has enjoyed another prosperous year. The quiet and conscientious manner with which she has attended to her duties has apparently disarmed all opposition, and the satisfaction with the school has been general. We believe that she has not confined her labors to the number of hours required by law, but has devoted to the interests of the school a great deal of time outside of school hours. Whenever we have visited the school the cheerful faces of the scholars, showing a lively interest in their various studies and exercises, plainly told us that everything was going on well. To say that the examination was very interesting to the numerous friends present, would only be repeating what we have said for years. The singing, speaking, and other general exercises, were performed with that charming simplicity of manner which we all delight to witness, and the recitations from the various classes were satisfactory and creditable to the age of the scholars.

## CENTRE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Miss Abbie M. Fellows, . . . . Teacher.

| | Summer. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of school in weeks, | 12 | 10 | 12 |
| Wages of teacher per month, | $50 | $50 | $50 |
| Whole number of scholars, | 43 | 37 | 41 |
| Average attendance, | 35 | 34 | 35 |

Number of visits by the Committee during the year, 11.

Number of other visitors during the year, 26.

At the commencement of the year it was feared by some that the long continued service of the teacher in this district, together with the fact that her reputation was so firmly established, might lead to some diminution of interest, or at least, to less of painstaking care on her part. But we can truly say that in our visits to the school, we have been unable to discover any falling off in interest, any letting up in discipline, or any less of care and forethought in regard to the management of the school. We think she has never resorted to physical punishment in order to maintain discipline; but any incipient attempts at rebellion were met with such a decided indignation of manner on her part, as seldom failed to make such scholars heartily ashamed of their conduct, and never to repeat it. She did not hesitate severely to criticise, before the school, the conduct of such scholars as were disposed to be idle and disobedient, and the great majority almost invariably sustained her by their acquiescence in her views. We think that the discipline of the school was made easier by the fact that she daily taught them to despise all conduct that was low and mean, and to love that which was pure and noble. Undoubtedly some of the scholars in all the classes might have advanced more rapidly if they had been allowed to go on by themselves, but this would have led to a subdivision of classes, which would have rendered it very difficult for one teacher to hear them all. Upon an average we think that the advance was as great as could be made with thoroughness.

The examination was attended by a large number of the parents and friends of the school, and was very satisfactory. The time for the examination was so limited that comparatively few questions could be asked to each class; but those that were asked, were generally answered with a promptness and correctness which indicated a familiarity which was very pleasing. The first class in arithmetic performed some quite difficult questions by analysis, which we commended, as we did also the rapid and accurate handling of figures by the class in fractions. The reading was most of it of a high order, and the spelling very correct. Recitations in other departments gave evidence that they had not been neglected.

As Miss Fellows now closes her seven years of service in this district, (four years in the primary and three in the grammar school,) we feel sure that she will carry with her wherever she goes, the sincere regard and the best wishes of all who have ever been her scholars, and of the parents, (from no one of whom, as she stated at the examination, has she ever had an unkind word,) and also we would say of every member of the committee under whom she has served.

## WEST SCHOOL.

Miss Emma F. Wilkins, } Teachers.
Miss Ella F. Porter, }

| | Summer. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of school in weeks, | 12 | 9 | 13 |
| Wages of teacher per month, | $32 | $32 | $30 |
| Whole number of scholars, | 23 | 21 | 22 |
| Average attendance, | 20 | 19 | 19 |

Number of visits by the Committee during the year, 11.
Number of other visitors during the year, 26.

Miss Wilkins taught this school with success some ten years ago, and the committee upon learning that she was at liberty, were agreeably surprised at being able again to secure her services. Her long experience and consequent

familiarity with all the details of school management, gave her at once a controlling influence with the scholars, and they yielded to her a cheerful and ready obedience. Under these favoring circumstances the progress of the scholars in their studies was steady, and we believe thorough. At the close of the Fall term, much to our disappointment, the teacher felt obliged to resign her charge, on account of other duties.

The introduction of a new teacher for a single term is always attended with positive loss, as several weeks are required for the teacher to become acquainted with the different dispositions and capacities of her pupils, and for them to become acquainted with her mode of instruction and government. We are of the opinion that Miss Porter entered upon her duties with a sincere determination to do justice to each scholar, and to advance the interests of the school, and considering the adverse circumstances under which she labored, we think that her administration of the affairs of the school was creditable. The Committee visited the school frequently, during the term, and found most of the scholars studious and orderly. A little more strictness with a few of the scholars would have rendered the discipline of the school still more satisfactory. The recitations at the examination were better than we expected, and indicated that the scholars had received faithful instruction during the year. The reading and spelling were better than we have heard in this school for some years, and the standing of the scholars in all other branches of study showed that the year's advance had been fully equal to that of other scholars of a similar age.

While this review of the several schools is intended to convey the impression that our schools have enjoyed average success during the past year, we would not be understood as claiming that they are by any means perfect. Far from it. We have no doubt that the aggregate number of hours that have been spent in idleness by the scholars in the several schools has been large, but we know that the aggregate number of hours that have been spent in faithful study have been many

times greater. Some of our scholars seem to have taken a new start during the year, and have learned much more than they have any previous year, while others have not learned as much as they should have learned in half the time. The responsibility for not attaining the highest possible results, must, we think, be variously located. It lies partly with the supervision, partly with the parents, and partly with the teachers and scholars.

In regard to the success or failure of teachers, we are impressed with the fact that it makes a great difference whether teachers commence a school with the hearty cooperation and fullest confidence of the parents, or whether they are from the first regarded with distrust and prejudice; whether their mistakes are regarded with feelings of charity, forbearance, and a desire to give them every possible chance, or whether their mistakes are magnified and made the occasion of harsh criticism, even in the presence of the scholars. Any teacher, however excellent, will fail to accomplish any great results, if parents destroy their children's confidence and respect for her by their unfavorable comments on her acts, and on the condition of the school. We do not mean to say that the errors and shortcomings of teachers should be passed by unnoticed, but they should be at once brought to the notice of the committee, and the remedy can then be applied in a quiet manner, without disturbing the influence of the teacher or the harmony of the school.

We ask your forbearance, if we again call your attention to the fact that when we have labored with fidelity to develop the intellect, and to increase the intelligence of our scholars, our work is but partially accomplished, if we have failed to cultivate their moral nature,—if, in consequence of the influence they have received in our schools, they have not higher purposes for good, and greater strength to resist evil. We are not to labor to produce good scholars only, but good citizens as well. The great want of the nation is not highly learned men, but good men and true. Not only our personal

interests, but our public prosperity and our liberties, depend largely upon the intelligence and integrity of the people. Despotism can do without schools and virtues, but republicanism, never. Our nation is not a structure of wood and stone, but a structure of the mind and heart of its citizens, and of the average citizen. Its safety lies in the preservation of the people's morals, in the popularization of intelligence, and the inculcation of the cardinal virtues. It has been truly said, that "when a nation becomes dead in its virtues, rotten in the quality of its character, its fall is decided by the accident of an outside pressure, which sooner or later is sure to eddy up against it." The destiny of our country will not be decided at Washington, nor even primarily at our voting stations, but it will be decided in our schoolhouses, in our families, and in our churches. It is as true now as ever that "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

We have commenced the introduction of the Franklin Series of Readers in two of the schools, but only where a class needed to change to a higher book. These books, we think, are very much liked by teacher and scholars. We decided upon this series for several reasons. First, because they are somewhat cheaper than other series. Second, because they are in use by most of the towns around us, and are therefore more easily procured; and third, because they are the work of a New England compiler and publisher, and we believe that they should receive our patronage rather than more distant publishers. We recommend that the change be continued during the coming year as fast as classes need promotion, until all are supplied.

The appropriation of the town for school purposes for the coming year is 20 per cent. less than it has been for some years past. We shall therefore be obliged to cut down the salary of the teachers, and perhaps shorten the Fall term. If all the towns around us had cut down their appropriations in like proportion, we should not be placed at a disadvantage,

but as it is, the best teachers will doubtless be attracted to those places where the highest salaries are paid. But we have no doubt that the popular demand for lower prices and lower taxation will in the near future compel other places to reduce their school appropriations, when we shall again stand on an equal footing.

But we doubt not that even with our reduced appropriation, we shall be able to procure teachers, who, if they are sustained by a healthy and upholding public sentiment, will be able to keep our schools in the good standing they have occupied for so many years. With these suggestions, and with gratitude to a kind Providence which has so generally protected the lives and health of our teachers and scholars during the year, we respectfully submit our report.

N. P. PERKINS,
JOHN GENTLEE,
J. CHOATE, JR.,
} School Committee of Wenham.

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# School Committee

OF THE

# TOWN OF WENHAM,

FOR THE

## Year Ending March, 1877.

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SALEM, MASS.:
PRESS OF THE ESSEX COUNTY MERCURY.
1877.

# REPORT.

To the Citizens of Wenham:—

The following report of the operations of the several schools of the town, during the past year, together with a few suggestions for the future, is respectfully submitted.

The same hindrances to a more complete success of the schools, which have been alluded to in former reports, have still existed to some extent, but not with sufficient prominence to impair their general usefulness. As a whole, we do not think our schools have retrograded in any particular, and in some respects they have made a decided advance from former years. The reduced appropriation of the town necessitated a cutting down of the salaries, but we were successful beyond our expectations in procuring experienced and competent teachers. In our supervision we have endeavored to be faithful and impartial, bestowing praise and censure whenever and wherever they were needed. The amount of the town appropriation was $1,250.00; State school fund, $225.49; dog tax, $75.24; from Beverly school children, $30.00; making the whole amount available, $1,580.73. We have expended for teaching, $1,387.50; for fuel and care of school rooms, $177.30; making in all $1564.80. The whole number of scholars in town, as reported by the Assessors, was 155. The amount raised for each scholar between the ages of five and fifteen years, was therefore $8.06.

## EAST SCHOOL.

Miss Ettie O. Patch, Beverly, Teacher.

| | Summer. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of school in weeks, | 12 | 10 | 12 |
| Wages of teacher per month, | $28 | $28 | $28 |
| Whole number of scholars, | 17 | 17 | 20 |
| Average attendance, | 15 | 16 | $18\frac{1}{5}$ |

Number of visits by the Committee during the year, 9.

Number of other visitors during the year, 15.

The abundant qualifications of Miss Patch for this place had been demonstrated by three years of previous service here. It is perhaps sufficient to say that the successful labor of former years has been continued, with increased efficiency in some particulars. As was the case last year, several scholars have attended from Beverly, who have agreed to pay something towards the expense of the school; otherwise we should not have been able to retain the services of so competent a teacher. The progress of the scholars in their several branches of study was apparent to the Committee at their visits to the school and at the closing examination. The ready and cheerful obedience of the scholars,—even the older ones,—to the requirements of the teacher, was warmly commended by us, and we think it is a reasonable expectation that those who know their place and their duty so well in the school room, will grow up to be useful members of society.

## NECK SCHOOL.

Miss S. A. Green, Teacher.

| | Summer. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of school in weeks, | 12 | 10 | 12 |
| Wages of teacher per month, | $28 | $28 | $30 |
| Whole number of scholars, | 26 | 26 | 29 |
| Average attendance, | 22 | $22\frac{3}{5}$ | $27\frac{16}{100}$ |

Number of visits by the Committee during the year, 10.

Number of other visitors during the year, 11.

The Committee considered themselves fortunate in obtaining the services of Miss Green, as her reputation and educational qualifications were such as to warrant them in believing that the interests of the school would receive careful and intelligent attention. As is usually the case with a new teacher, some of the scholars seemed inclined to test her powers of government for the first few weeks, but all such attempts were soon abandoned, and the teacher was left mistress of the situation. The improvement in the discipline was very noticeable as the term progressed, and the harmony and good feeling between the teacher and scholars continued through the year. Many of the scholars in this school are very ambitious to excel in their several studies, and in some cases the advance made was quite remarkable for those of their age. The home influence in this district is evidently on the right side, and the scholars are made to know that school is the place for study and not for play. The average attendance we think has been better than for some years past, which was a great help in keeping the members of various classes together, and thus making their progress more uniform. Thirty-nine of the parents and friends were present at the closing examination, and appeared well satisfied with the year's work.

## CENTRE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Miss Kate T. Patterson, Beverly, } Teachers.
Miss Amanda Burnham, Essex., }

| | Summer. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of school in weeks, | 12 | 10 | 12 |
| Wages of teacher per month, | $35 | $35 | $35 |
| Whole number of scholars, | 51 | 51 | 45 |
| Average attendance, | $46\frac{1}{3}$ | $43\frac{1}{2}$ | $35\frac{3}{4}$ |

Number of visits by the Committee during the year, 11.

Number of other visitors during the year, 59.

Miss Patterson continued her work here during the Summer term, in the same conscientious manner which has distinguished her previous service; but, at the close of the

term, she was called to a higher and more lucrative position in Salem. We believe she has won a high place here, both in the affections of her scholars, and in the esteem of the community. We employed as her successor Miss Burnham, of Essex, a teacher of long and varied experience, and who was a teacher in our Grammar School some twelve years ago. We think that Miss B. possesses a genuine love for the vocation of teaching, and we believe that she entered upon her task here with a determination to leave behind her at least an equivalent for her wages. In this school, of all others, it is necessary to success, that the teacher should be wide awake and interested in her business. It is a great conquest to gain the control and interest the attention of young pupils, to find employment for those who know not how to study, and to direct the mental and physical activity that waste themselves in mischief and listlessness, to some profitable end. This we believe the teacher was able to do to a large extent. We think also a great deal was done in the way of inculcating lessons of respect and reverence, and in giving right directions as to moral duties. We were glad to notice that those who have usually been considered dull scholars, were not neglected, and the improvement which they had made attracted considerable attention at the close. The school was considerably broken up during the Winter term by the scarlet fever, and it is a cause for devout thankfulness that there were no fatal cases.

## CENTRE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Miss Georgianna Leach,
Miss Mary E. Rogers, } Teachers.

| | Summer. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of school in weeks, | 12 | 10 | 12 |
| Wages of teacher per month, | $40 | $44 | $44 |
| Whole number of scholars, | 40 | 37 | 38 |
| Average attendance, | 36 | 31 | 31 |

Number of visits by the Committee during the year, 13.

Number of other visitors during the year, 28.

The procuring of a suitable teacher for this school was the subject of a great deal of anxious thought on the part of the Committee. After extended inquiry, we employed Miss Leach of Cambridge, who seemed to us to be the right person for the position. The results of the spring term, however, were hardly equal to our expectations. This was, as we think, partly owing to the lack of acquaintance of the teacher with the scholars,—the advantage of which fact some of them seemed disposed to take,—and partly to the fact that her experience had been with city schools, where the schools are more closely graded, the classes fewer, and the attainments of the scholars nearer equal. Probably a longer term of service would have obviated many of the difficulties under which she labored, but before the time for the commencement of the fall term, she resigned for a similar place in a distant State. We thought ourselves fortunate in being able to secure Miss Rogers to fill her place, as she was recommended by long and successful experience in our own and in an adjoining State. We believe that during her two terms of service here she has proved herself to be a faithful and laborious teacher, performing in fact much more work than she received credit for, both in and out of the school room. Her methods of instruction and government were indeed somewhat different from those to which the school had been accustomed, and perhaps for that reason she failed to gain the affection of a portion of her scholars. The discipline of the school was greatly improved under her care, and every known infringement of the rules met with a prompt suppression. Thoroughness in the different studies was aimed at, rather than to go over much space, a commendable thing in any teacher. The lessons given were not long, but it was required that they should be learned, even if time had to be taken after school hours for that purpose. At the closing examination no special display was attempted, but a fair showing of the standing and improvement of the several classes was given. Some of the scholars appeared better than had been anticipated, and the examination, as a whole, was quite satisfactory.

## WEST SCHOOL.

Mrs. L. G. Kimball, Teacher.

| | Summer. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of school in weeks, | 11 | 9 | 12 |
| Wages of teacher per month, | $30 | $30 | $32 |
| Whole number of scholars, | 26 | 27 | 25 |
| Average attendance, | 21½ | 25 | 22 |

Number of visits by the Committee during the year, 9.

Number of other visitors during the year, 23.

The fact that Mrs. Kimball had consented to take charge of this school was a sufficient guarantee that a profitable year's work might be expected. Her administration of the affairs of the school was characterized by that tact and aptitude which generally bring success. At the commencement of the term, a few of the scholars may have indulged in thoughts of testing her authority, but if any such intention was entertained, it was soon abandoned, and throughout the year the discipline of the school was such as to leave no cause for complaint. In classifying the school, some changes were made in the standing of different scholars, but it is but just to them to say that they cheerfully acquiesced in all the changes that were thought best by the teacher and Committee. And it should be said that in everything that pertained to the well being and advancement of the school, the scholars seemed equally interested with the teacher. And especially was this the case during the latter part of the term, when the teacher was temporarily somewhat disabled, when they could have made her considerable trouble if they had been so disposed. The examination was such as may be expected when the teacher, parents and scholars, all co-operate for the same end. The exercises were very interesting, and the expectations of the Committee and friends were more than realized. The questions were selected at random from different lessons, and the promptness with which they were answered indicated a thoroughness which is not often surpassed.

## CONCLUDING REMARKS.

We think there is a demand for more oral instruction on the part of teachers. They should be able to do something besides merely asking the questions in the text-books, and to hear the answers given. They should be prepared by previous study and investigation to make the lessons plain by familiar illustrations, such as are calculated to stimulate independent thought on the part of the scholars, and to teach them to think and discover for themselves. We should never forget that there are other faculties of the mind, besides the memory, which need to be drawn out and strengthened. To this end principles should be taught, as well as rules. Text-books should be regarded as the means to an end, rather than the end itself.

It has been our aim to have those studies receive the most attention which will be likely to be of some practical use in after life, rather than those that are merely ornamental; to attend to the elementary and substantial rather than the theoretical. We see the importance of this when we consider that the majority of the children of our town have no opportunities of obtaining an education beyond what they receive in our common schools; and it has lately been argued by some of the ablest men in our State, that too much of theoretical education for common purposes is not desirable, as it has a tendency to unfit one to meet the hard, stern, practical realities of life.

The school and the home should be on good terms. The relations between them should be friendly and cordial. If in any instance the child receives the impression that they are antagonistic, there will be a failure to secure the best results. The home should make the impression upon the child that the school is one of its best friends. Indifference on the part of the parents is disastrous in the extreme. Some one has said that "no wonder that the boy does not love his school whose

parents do not know whether he is in attendance five days in a week or three; whether he comes into the schoolroom at nine o'clock or eleven; whether he stands at the head or foot of his class; whether he is an honor or a disgrace to the school." It pays well, we think, for those who have charge of children, to be interested in what they are doing, and to know how they employ their time.

Our schools certainly cost us something both in money and attention. About 25 per cent. of the amount raised by our town for town purposes, is for the support of schools; but yet we presume but very few, if any, could be found among us who would advocate that we omit to make any appropriation on the ground of economy. Education is expensive, but ignorance is more so. Statistics from authentic sources show that 80 per cent. of the crime committed in our State, is committed by the 7 per cent. of the population who cannot read or write. All that is done for the benefit of our schools adds strength to the foundations of the State, and tends to the preservation of liberty, law and order. Of course we do not mean to say that no educated persons commit crime, for we know very well that some of the worst crimes that are recorded in history, were perpetrated by those who were highly educated. But what we mean to say is, that the tendency is the other way. And especially would this be the case if the higher ideal of what a school should be, could be reached—if the pupil, when obtaining knowledge, should be taught how to use that knowledge aright. The school room should be, as far as possible, a nursery of pure and noble qualities, where the inestimable value of obedience, honesty and truthfulness should be impressed upon the mind, and where the endeavor should be made to break up vicious habits and tendencies which may have been previously formed. And we think, too, that the old fashioned virtues of self-respect, self-control, economy, and a love for honest labor, which are somewhat unpopular in these modern times,

should be brought more to the attention of the rising generation.

We think that more visiting of the schools on the part of the parents, would have a good effect. We have been sorry to notice a falling off in this respect during the last year. It is the universal testimony of our teachers that they are very much assisted by such visits.

The town has again expressed the interest which is felt on the subject of education, by somewhat increasing its appropriation. It will be our endeavor to expend the amount judiciously, so that the greatest possible results may be received. And in closing we express the hope, that by the blessing of God, another year of prosperity awaits our schools.

N. P. PERKINS,
JOHN GENTLEE,
J. CHOATE, JR.,
} School Committee of Wenham.

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

# TOWN OF WENHAM,

FOR THE

## Year Ending March, 1878.

SALEM:
PRESS OF THE ESSEX COUNTY MERCURY.
1878.

# REPORT.

In accordance with a time-honored custom, and in compliance with a statute of the State, the following "detailed Report of the condition of the Public Schools," together with a few general remarks, is herewith submitted :—

We have endeavored to expend the appropriations intrusted to our care, in a judicious and economical manner. We are of the opinion, however, that it is not always true economy to employ those teachers who can be hired for the least number of dollars, without regard to the equivalent which they are able to give in return. In accordance with this conviction, we have in some instances somewhat advanced the pay of teachers, in order to retain them in the schools where they have labored with such general acceptance. The statute which requires that the schools shall be visited by one of the Committee once in each month, has been complied with as a general rule. At these visits criticisms and suggestions in regard to the management of the schools have been freely made, and always desired, and kindly received by the teachers.

The amount of the town appropriation for the support of Schools, was $1,350.00; State School Fund, $217.69; Dog Tax, $65.79; Beverly School Children, $37.50; making the whole amount available, $1,670.98. We have expended for teaching, $1,395.75; for fuel and care of rooms, $157.20; for incidentals, $61.93; making a total of $1,614.88.

## EAST SCHOOL.

Miss Lizzie D. Williams, Teacher.

| | Spring. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of school in weeks, | 12 | 10 | 12 |
| Wages of teacher per month, | $16 | $16 | $24 |
| Whole number of scholars, | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| Average attendance, | $8\frac{7}{10}$ | $9\frac{3}{4}$ | $10\frac{1}{2}$ |

Number of visits by the Committee during the year, 8.
Number of other visitors during the year, 43.

The decrease in the number of scholars in this district, necessitated, in the judgment of the Committee, the employment of a cheaper teacher than has heretofore been employed. Miss Williams is a resident of the district, and a former pupil of the school, which fact, under some circumstances, would have operated adversely to her success as a teacher; but, so far as we could ascertain, she was cordially sustained by those interested in the school.

Miss W. possesses considerable natural aptitude for teaching, and our expectations in regard to her success were more than realized in the results which were apparent at the close of the year. Although this school is small in point of numbers, yet the time of the teacher is constantly occupied, as the scholars were necessarily divided into a considerable number of classes, in order to adapt the lessons to the variety of age and capacity which was here represented.

## NECK SCHOOL.

Miss S. Abbie Green, Teacher.

| | Spring. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of school in weeks, | 12 | 10 | $12\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Wages of teacher per month, | $33 | $33 | $35 |
| Whole number of scholars, | 29 | 27 | 36 |
| Average attendance, | 24 | $24\frac{1}{2}$ | $33\frac{1}{2}$ |

Number of visits by the Committee during the year, 10.
Number of other visitors during the year, 52.

We employed Miss Green with no misgivings as to her ability to keep a successful school, as the experience of the previous year had demonstrated that she was emphatically the right person in the right place. Under her enthusiastic and inspiring guidance the scholars were stimulated to make that mental exertion which alone can bring success, and which has produced results which are so gratifying to all friends of the school. We are grateful that so much has been done in the way of oral instruction, some classes, in fact, not having had any regular text-book. The information which has thus been imparted to the school has given evidence of extensive reading, study, and observation, on the part of the teacher. That this manner of teaching is harder for the instructor we are aware, but that the knowledge thus received by the scholars is more enduring and practical we also believe. The discipline of the school was good throughout the year, and, with very few exceptions, obedience was given willingly and cheerfully. At the closing examination the several classes were found to be well advanced, and the recitations were prompt and interesting. Some scholars from 11 to 13 years of age had gone through with Eaton's Common School Arithmetic, and were well advanced in Algebra, which, for that age, is, we think, seldom excelled. Other scholars, from 7 to 8 years of age, were able to add and multiply on the black-boards with ease and accuracy. The attention which had been given to writing compositions, was very commendable, 150 having been written during the year. Specimens of drawing on the black-boards were much admired. 64 visitors were present at the examination. The number of classes here is greater than we found in any other school, and to hear them all, each day, required that every moment be utilized.

It was evident that both teacher and scholars had spent a great deal of time, outside of school hours, in study and preparation, which was a great assistance in enabling them to go through their lessons quickly and yet thoroughly.

# CENTRE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Miss Amanda Burnham, Teacher.

| | Spring. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of school in weeks, | 12 | 10 | 12 |
| Wages of teacher per month, | $36 | $36 | $38 |
| Whole number of scholars, | 53 | 54 | 51 |
| Average attendance, | 46 | 48 | 46½ |

Number of visits by the Committee during the year, 10.
Number of other visitors during the year, 59.

Miss Burnham commenced her school with the advantage of a previous acquaintance, she having taught for two terms the previous year. To a long experience as a teacher, Miss B. adds a genuine love for the work, and a love and sympathy for children which eminently qualify her to teach in this department. Through the year she has been a patient, persevering, impartial and conscientious guide to these young minds. It has been her aim not only to cultivate the mental faculties, but also to develop aright the moral perceptions and feelings. She has taught them to avoid profanity, untruthfulness, dishonesty, and other kindred vices, and has tried to instill into their minds a love for the opposite virtues. The progress of the different classes was apparent from month to month, and the comparisons made by the Committee at the close of the year, satisfied them that a good year's work had been done. If a few scholars lost rank and fell behind their classes, it was on account of frequent absence, and not from want of faithfulness on the part of the teacher. The blackboards are an institution in this school, and have been in constant use, either for writing, ciphering, or drawing, to the manifest advantage of those engaged. We were glad to see that the spelling book was kept in daily use, and we think, that, as a whole, the school excelled in this important branch of study. Other branches usually taught here had received a proportionate share of attention.

# CENTRE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Miss Laura H. Lake, Teacher.

| | Spring. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of school in weeks, | 12 | 10 | 12 |
| Wages of teacher per month, | $40 | $40 | $40 |
| Whole number of scholars, | 32 | 31 | 34 |
| Average attendance, | 27 | 27 | 29½ |

Number of visits by the Committee during the year, 12.
Number of other visitors during the year, 45.

Miss Lake is a graduate of the Salem Normal School, and was highly recommended by the School Committee of the neighboring town of Topsfield, (where she had taught for two years,) as an earnest and faithful teacher. She entered upon her duties here with energy and skill, and soon made herself acquainted with the wants of the school and the standing of the different scholars, and classified and arranged them accordingly. It was the opinion of the Committee that many of the scholars of this school were rather behind where they should be in some of the fundamental studies, more particularly in arithmetic, grammar, and spelling; and we urged the teacher to give more attention to these and other common branches, and devote to the higher studies only such time as could be spared and not do injustice to these. The results have been very satisfactory, and the standing of many of the scholars has been much advanced, and we think that some of them never learned so much in arithmetic and grammar in a single year. The bane of this school is its want of enthusiasm in school duties. The best of teachers have been unable to arouse the scholars to that activity which is desirable. The reason for this is found, we think, not in the want of ability and earnestness on the part of the teachers, but in the preoccupied condition of the minds of a portion of the scholars, which has prevented that singleness of purpose, that earnest study, and love for it, which alone can produce an enthusias-

tic school. It is a well known fact that if only a portion of the school are disinclined to study, it will exert a depressing influence upon the remainder. We have also had fears that, in a few instances at least, the home influence was not decidedly on the right side. Considering these adverse influences, we think that the friends of the school have reason to feel satisfied with what has been accomplished. The closing examination was well attended, and the exercises tended to confirm the above statement.

## WEST SCHOOL.

Mrs. L. G. Kimball, Teacher.

| | Spring. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of school in weeks, | 12 | 10 | 12 |
| Wages of teacher per month, | $34 | $34 | $34 |
| Whole number of scholars, | 29 | 29 | 29 |
| Average attendance, | $26\frac{1}{4}$ | 22 | $25\frac{1}{2}$ |

Number of visits by the Committee during the year, 10.
Number of other visitors during the year, 25.

Under the care of Mrs. Kimball, this school has enjoyed an unusually prosperous year. Of her ability as a teacher, it is unnecessary to speak,—years of successful experience have made this apparent to all. The harmony and progress of the school have been uninterrupted by the introduction of any discordant elements, and the cordial support and co-operation of the parents, and diligence, perseverance and attention of the scholars, are worthy of commendation. In this school, as in some others, oral teaching has received considerable attention, one class in grammar having been taught, during the last two years, the fundamental rules, and learned to parse words and analyze sentences, without the use of any text book. We believe that the practical knowledge thus gained by them, of the rules which govern the use of the English language, is much greater than it would have been if they had

committed to memory many pages of rules and definitions. One class of advanced scholars had given attention the present year to Philosophy, Physiology, Algebra, and Greenleaf's High School Arithmetic, and their recitations showed a good knowledge of those branches, as the reward of years of faithful study. The first class in Colburn's Mental Arithmetic were very prompt in their answers, and were ready to repeat and perform any question in the book, and the coming year we have no doubt they will be able to go on rapidly in the common school arithmetic. The younger scholars have done well, and most of them read with ease and understanding, and spelled and defined with accuracy. Concerning all the recitations at the closing examination, we can say that they were prompt and spirited. A large number of visitors were present, and expressed themselves as being much pleased with the exercises.

## General Remarks.

The advantages which arise from regularity of attendance, have been frequently spoken of in previous reports, and we think there has been a decided improvement in this respect during the last few years. We believe that the great majority of the parents make special exertions to have their children present at school, and do not allow them to remain away for any trivial reason. The irregularity which still exists, is confined to comparatively few families, as the school registers show. By reference to the Report of the Board of Education, we find that in the average attendance of the scholars upon the public schools, for the year ending March 1st, 1877, Wenham stands the 45th in the list of 342 cities and towns in the Commonwealth, and in the County of Essex the 3d in the list of 35 cities and towns.

We have reason to think that our teachers have, without exception, earnestly desired the success of their schools. Whenever we have met them, the burden of their desire has

been: What can I do, in addition to what I am now doing, to advance the interests of those under my charge? What can I do to arouse their enthusiasm and make them more truly interested in their studies? If in the future some of the scholars should look back with regret upon the meagre results of the present year, we feel certain that they will not be able to charge the teachers with unfaithfulness.

The path of the teacher is in many respects beset with difficulties. They work with the eyes of the community upon them. How to do and say the right thing at the right time and place, requires not only knowledge, but also judgment, tact, and a good share of executive ability. Let us not forget the difficulties with which they have to contend, while at the same time we rightfully demand that they give to their work not only the time they are employed during school hours, but also a large share of their thought and study before and after the school sessions. No teacher can permanently succeed who has not a love for the work and a desire to excel; who not only asks the questions from the text book, and hears the answers, but who brings from her hours of preparation, mental food for the hungry and growing minds of her pupils. Our scholars are not all good and obedient, naturally, nor are they all equally talented; and, to keep under the disorderly element, and to stimulate the dull and sluggish intellects, and in short to do justice to all, requires on the part of the teacher a knowledge of human and child nature, and also ingenuity and great diversity of expedient, to meet the necessities arising from the different capacities, temperaments, and circumstances of the children who are under her care. We cannot wonder, when we consider the variety of talent which is necessary in order to keep a truly successful school, that teachers sometimes fail to meet the expectations of all.

It should always be borne in mind that the welfare of the children and the success of the school depend largely upon the co-operation of parent and teacher, and the establish-

ment of right relations between the home and school. The interests are not antagonistic, but mutual, and should be so regarded. Probably no other one cause contributes so much to rob the schools of their efficiency, as for parents to speak slightingly or disrespectfully of the teacher in the presence of their children. Unless the children are wiser than they, such a course will inculcate a spirit of insubordination, disorder, and discontent, which often the most earnest labor of the teacher is not able to overcome. Would it not be better, when it is thought there is reason for complaint, to go to the teacher privately and ascertain the exact facts of the case. In the light of mutual explanations, it will generally be found that there is really no ground for trouble after all, unless indeed there is prejudice or prejudgment of the case on one side or the other.

In concluding this report, we desire again to express our conviction, that, while our schools are not all they are capable of being, are not all we hope to have them, they are yet worth all they cost, and are a source of inestimable blessing to our town. The love of popular education has taken such deep root in our Commonwealth, that it would seem to be impossible that our common school system could ever be overthrown. Although teachers and committees come and go, and scholars also linger in the school-room but for a few years, through the bright and sunny period of childhood and youth, and then pass out and on, yet the *school* remains, and will continue to be in the future, as it has been in the past, as we devoutly trust, under the providence of God, the great safeguard of our free institutions.

N. P. PERKINS,
JOHN GENTLEE,
J. CHOATE, Jr.,
} School Committee of Wenham.

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

# TOWN OF WENHAM,

FOR THE

## Year Ending March, 1879.

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SALEM:
PRESS OF THE ESSEX COUNTY MERCURY.
1879.

# REPORT.

The annual report of the School Committee for the year 1878–9, is herewith presented. The earlier publication of this Report has been prevented by the fact that one of the schools did not close until March 28th. In the detailed report of the several schools, we have endeavored to indicate to some extent what has been the progress of each, and also their present standing, and future needs. The services of the tried and faithful teachers of the previous year have been retained when it was possible and expedient. In the changes that have been made, we have had the good fortune to employ those who have proved themselves faithful in the positions assigned them. On the part of the scholars, there has been the usual variety of progress; some, by earnest and laborious study, and by careful attention to the instructions of their teachers, have made an advance which has been highly creditable to them; while others, with the same opportunities, have failed to improve them as they should, and, as a consequence, have fallen behind those who were more industrious and ambitious. As a whole, however, we feel that the progress has been fully up to the average of previous years, and has, as we trust, been of a real and permanent character.

At the commencement of the year the Committee authorized one of their members to act as superintendent, and to perform the intermediate visiting and supervision required by law. All the members of the Committee have, however, as a rule, visited each school at the commencement and close of the year, and at such other times as circumstances seemed to require.

The expenses of the schools have been kept within the appropriations, and have been as follows:

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| For Teaching, | $1,394.00 |
| For Fuel, | 87.37 |
| Care of Rooms, | 49.20 |
| Total, | $1,530.57 |

The receipts have been as follows:

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|---|---|
| Town Appropriation, | $1,350.00 |
| Mass. School Fund, | 216 57 |
| Dog Tax, | 58.05 |
| Total, | $1,624.62 |

## EAST SCHOOL.

Miss Lizzie D. Williams, Teacher.

| | Summer. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of school in weeks, | 11 | 11 | 12 |
| Wages of teacher per month, | $16 | $16 | $22 |
| Whole number of scholars, | 9 | 10 | 14 |
| Average attendance, | 8⅕ | 9 | 12 |

Number of visits by the Committee during the year, 9.
Number of other visitors, 24.

This school is small in point of numbers, and we thought ourselves fortunate in obtaining an instructor who was sufficiently well qualified to teach all the ordinary branches of study, and who, from the fact of her being a resident of the neighborhood, was willing to take the position for a moderate compensation. A small school is not generally so interested and enthusiastic as a large one. There are, however, some advantages. The teacher has more time to devote to each scholar, and, in particular, can give more time to the new beginners. The variety of age and attainment of the

pupils necessitated about the same number of classes that are found in larger schools, so that the time of the teacher was constantly occupied. The Committee felt satisfied at their various visits that the teacher was doing her part well, and that the scholars were making fair progress up the hill of knowledge. The review of the ground gone over by the various classes on the day of examination, tended to confirm the good opinion of the school which the Committee had entertained during the year.

## NECK SCHOOL.

Miss S. Abbie Green, Teacher.

| | Summer. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of school in weeks, | 11 | 11 | 12 |
| Wages of teacher per month, | $35 | $35 | $36 |
| Whole number of scholars, | 28 | 29 | 32 |
| Average attendance, | 25 | 27 | 27 |

Number of visits by the Committee during the year, 11.
Number of other visitors, 40.

The name of the teacher is, perhaps, a sufficient guarantee that this school has been a success the past year. She commenced this, the third year of her connection with this school, with many advantages. She possessed the confidence of the parents, the love and respect of the scholars, and also a thorough knowledge of their different attainments, capacities, and temperaments, which enabled her to adapt instruction to the wants and capabilities of each. To these advantages it must be added that she brought to the work a love for the teacher's vocation, a well-trained and furnished mind, and a natural aptitude for imparting information to others.

Under these favorable conditions we had a right to expect what we have at all times found, a working and progressive school. The Spring term was somewhat disturbed by the prevalence of the whooping cough, but the scholars bore up

bravely under the somewhat depressing circumstances which resulted therefrom, and the onward movement of the school was not perceptibly checked. Taking into consideration the age of the scholars, we believe the schools are very rare, in this vicinity, where the scholars are so far advanced in their studies as are the majority here. In addition to the usual branches of study, we noticed a class in Physiology, the members of which had evidently gained considerable knowledge of that important science. A large collection of friends (over eighty in number) listened to the closing examination, and the general expression was one of commendation.

We noticed by the school records that one scholar, Ruth H. Prince, has not been absent for six years.

## CENTRE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

ALICE C. EDWARDS, Teacher.

| | Summer. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of school in weeks, | 11 | 11 | 12 |
| Wages of teacher per month, | $30 | $30 | $32 |
| Whole number of scholars, | 46 | 57 | 53 |
| Average attendance, | 39 | 47 | 44 |

Number of visits by the Committee during the year, 9.

Number of other visitors, 42.

After extended inquiry, and a careful consideration of the merits of the several applicants for the school, the Committee decided to employ Miss Edwards, who is a graduate of the Beverly High School, and had had some experience as a teacher in that town. The highest praise we can give her is to say that she has proved herself to be a worthy successor to the long line of successful teachers who have had charge of this department.

At the commencement of the year we felt some misgiving as to what would be her success, but as the school was visited from time to time, this feeling was changed to one of confidence, and we felt that she was the right person in the right

place. She evidently felt that there was a duty to be performed towards each of the scholars, and it was her constant aim that no one should fail to receive a fair share of attention.

We have been pleased to notice that some scholars who have heretofore been considered dull and backward, became much more interested in their studies, and made decided progress.

The closing examination was fairly attended, although the weather was very unfavorable, and the exercises were such as to make a very favorable impression upon those who listened to them.

## CENTRE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Miss F. A. Drew, Teacher.

| | Summer. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of school in weeks, | 11 | 11 | 11 |
| Wages of teacher per month, | $44 | $44 | $44 |
| Whole number of scholars, | 39 | 36 | 36 |
| Average attendance, | 35 | 33 | 33 |

Number of visits by the Committee during the year, 9

Number of other visitors, 18.

Miss Drew is a graduate of the Salem Normal School, has had successful experience as a teacher in the Bowditch School, Salem, and at other places, and came among us with recommendations of a high character. For several years past, as we have intimated in previous reports, this school has been lacking in some of the most important elements of success, in particular a want of enthusiasm and real interest in school duties. We felt that something should be done, if possible, to break up this indifference, and to stimulate the pupils to greater exertions. As a means to this end, it was decided to form an advance class at the close of the first term, to which only those should be admitted who could answer a certain number of test questions taken from lessons gone over during the term, and those who failed to answer a given per

cent. should remain in the next lower class. These examinations were made in writing, and were conducted in a strictly impartial manner. We believe this system has been productive of good results. The scholars have felt a real anxiety to keep their places in the classes where they have been for some years, and have made a corresponding exertion. The number who have fallen behind has been comparatively small, and they have been allowed every opportunity to regain their standing, if they had the ability and desire to do so. Another feature of the method of teaching by Miss Drew, has been that she has taught by principles and topics, rather than by a memorizing of statements. There can be no doubt that this method is more practical, although the questions are not so quickly and glibly answered, as scholars are thrown more upon their own resources, and a process of thought is necessary before the answers can be given. If there are any who were disappointed at the closing examination, they should bear in mind that this system of asking questions does not give the same opportunity for rapidity of answering, as does the usual way of asking the set questions that occur in the text book.

We are glad to report that the school has been under excellent discipline throughout the year, both in and out of the school-room—a fact that has been noticed by some of the residents in the vicinity.

## WEST SCHOOL.

MRS. L. G. KIMBALL, Teacher.

| | Summer. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of school in weeks, | 11 | 11 | 12 |
| Wages of teacher per month, | $35 | $35 | $36 |
| Whole number of scholars, | 37 | 27 | 30 |
| Average attendance, | 31 | 25 | 26 |

Number of visits by the Committee during the year, 9.

Number of other visitors, 28.

Mrs. Kimball has been continued in charge of this school, with her usual good success. The commendations of her methods of teaching and manner of discipline, which have appeared in previous reports, can still be repeated with truth. Her long experience has given her a knowledge of the duties of a teacher, which has been of great value to this school. A judicious effort has been made for the last three years to reduce the number of classes, and the result has been that a much better arrangement now exists, the number of classes having been reduced one-third, if not one-half.

The visits of the Committee always found the school in a good working condition, and the spirit of emulation which prevailed in the different classes rendered their recitations interesting. The school was suspended for several weeks during the winter term, on account of sickness in the family of the teacher, but such were the enthusiasm and interest of the scholars, that no injurious results were perceptible. At the closing examination the recitations were prompt and spirited. The reading was better than we have heard for some years in this school, and the spelling and defining were also very correct. For the class in history, 450 topical questions had been prepared, embracing nearly the whole book, and as many as there was time to ask were correctly answered, and the same can be said of 450 test questions in geography. In the arithmetic classes, both mental and written, there were very few failures in answering the questions and in performing the examples required. The grammar classes have been taught entirely by the oral method.

As a whole, we think the friends of the school have reason to feel satisfied with what has been accomplished the past year.

## GENERAL REMARKS.

We are of the opinion that it is a positive injury to any scholar to advance in any branch of study any more rapidly than is consistent with thoroughness and a fair understanding of the subject taught. The practice with us, too often, has been, for scholars who enter school at the same time, to keep together in the same class from year to year until they leave school. There is no doubt that this is wrong in principle. A prominent educator has said that "promotions from class to class should be made to depend not upon age, nor height, nor race, nor the accident of birth and wealth, but according to the power and training of the minds of those who are to be classified." We are aware that the geographical position of our town prevents a systematic grading of the schools, but still we think something can and should be done in this direction, and that the attempt which has been made in the grammar school the present year is worthy of a still further trial. If scholars are allowed to go on together without regard to ability, one of two things must follow, either the dull scholar will be constantly keeping back those who can just as well go on faster, or he will be pushed ahead much more rapidly than he is able to go with understanding, and as a consequence will obtain a little knowledge of a great many rules and a thorough knowledge of none. However much we may sympathize with those who are unable to keep up with scholars of a similar age, yet we cannot doubt that their truest interests are consulted when we require them to advance more slowly and surely. It is as true in educational matters as in everything else, that what is worth doing at all is worth doing well.

We think there is sometimes too little sympathy for teachers in their work. It is often argued, and it sounds plausible, that as teachers work fewer hours than do those who work with their hands, that therefore they have an easier time.

But it is a well known fact that mental labor is proportionately more exhausting than physical. A less number of hours of application will produce a greater strain upon the system. Of course, when we defend teachers in this direction, we mean those who are earnest and faithful. For those who are indolent, and have no heart in their work, we have no sympathy and no words of defence.

It is important that our children should not only be well informed, but well principled, and we know that the tendencies which are received by them during their school days exert a powerful influence upon their future character and conduct. At this time in their lives they cannot be surrounded by too many influences tending to induce them to shun the wrong and choose the right. They need line upon line and precept upon precept. We have known some teachers who have felt very deeply their responsibilities in this direction, and the impressions which they have left upon the minds of their scholars have been salutary and lasting. The secretary of the Massachusetts Board of Education has well said, in his recent report: "Among the vices that should be corrected may be mentioned, deceit, ingratitude to benefactors, unkindness to associates, a want of reverence, a disposition to cruelty, obstinacy, arrogance, laziness, and self-conceit. Among the virtues to be cultivated are fidelity and trust,—the foundation of all true social relations,—temperance, forgiveness of injuries, candor, modesty, benevolence, justice, gratitude, patriotism, and obedience to all proper authority."

We have always found in our schools, and probably shall always continue to find, more or less of those who are usually called dull scholars. We have always made it a point to speak encouraging words to them, and have urged teachers to give them special attention. There is danger that if such is not the case, they will pass along through the usual years allotted to school duties, and graduate in comparative igno-

rance. If they receive sufficient care, and their attendance is reasonably good, they can at least be made to understand the fundamental principles of the more important branches of study.

The town appropriation for the coming year has been somewhat reduced, but, owing to the increased purchasing power of money, we have been able to procure, at a reduced scale of wages, experienced, and, as we believe, competent teachers for our several schools. Let us sustain them as they deserve, and we may hope for continued good results from them.

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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

# TOWN OF WENHAM,

FOR THE

## Year Ending March, 1880.

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SALEM:
PRESS OF THE ESSEX COUNTY MERCURY.
1880.

# REPORT.

To the Citizens of Wenham:

One of the requirements of the common school system of our State is the preparation and distribution of an Annual Report to the town by the School Committee. And although the subjects considered from year to year must necessarily be somewhat similar, yet we believe that it may be beneficial to the interests of our schools to have the special attention of the citizens called to a consideration of their condition with the frequency which the law contemplates.

The reduced appropriation of the town rendered necessary the "scaling down" of the wages of the teachers, which fact, in one instance at least, deprived us of the services of a valuable instructor. In regard to the general condition of our schools, we think we are justified in saying that they will compare favorably with other schools of a similar grade, and in some individual cases we believe the standing is much higher than the general average.

Some complaint has been made in regard to the non-attendance of scholars, and perhaps there are a few cases which should have received closer attention. The average attendance, however, in proportion to the number of scholars in town, has been much higher than the average of other towns in the State, as is shown by the report of the Secretary of the Board of Education. We find that in the average attendance of scholars, in the list of 342 cities and towns of the State, our town stands the 32d, and the 2d in the list of 35 towns in the county.

The expenses of the schools for teaching, fuel, and care of rooms, have been as follows, viz.:

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| For teaching | $1,272 50 |
| For fuel and care of rooms | 149 00 |
| | $1,421 50 |

The receipts have been as follows:

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| Town appropriation | $1,200 00 |
| State School Fund | 215 00 |
| From dog licenses | 67 00 |
| | $1,482 00 |

## EAST SCHOOL.

Miss Lizzie D. Williams, Teacher.

| | Summer. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of schools in weeks, | 12 | 10 | 12 |
| Wages of teacher per month, | $16 | $16 | $18 |
| Whole number of scholars, | 13 | 13 | 15 |
| Average attendance, | 10¼ | 12½ | 14¼ |

This has been the third year that Miss Williams has served as teacher of this school, and, without disparaging in the least her previous efforts, we are of the opinion that this has been her most successful year's work. The quiet industry with which she has labored from day to day has been productive of results which must be gratifying to every friend of the school. The scholars, so far as we were able to ascertain, yielded a ready obedience, which was all the more commendable from the fact that the teacher was a resident of the neighborhood, and was one therefore with whom they were well acquainted. Several branches of study which have been somewhat neglected in previous years, have received more attention, and we think the general standing of the school has been considerably advanced. At the closing examination we found every scholar present, and the questions which were asked the various classes were nearly all correctly answered.

# NECK SCHOOL.

Miss S. Abbie Green, Teacher.

| | Summer. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of school in weeks, | 12 | 10 | 12 |
| Wages of teacher per month, | $33 | $33 | $33 |
| Whole number of scholars, | 29 | 25 | 26 |
| Average attendance, | 26 | 23¼ | 23½ |

We are happy to report that under the skilful management of Miss Green, this school has enjoyed another prosperous year. It has been her constant study to understand and to put in practice the most approved methods of teaching, and the scholar must be dull indeed who could not be aroused and stimulated under her guidance. The intermediate visits of the Committee always found the school under excellent discipline and the best of feeling apparently existing between the teacher and scholars. Under such favorable conditions, the progress of the school was continuous and rapid, and the summary of the year's work, which was exhibited at the closing examination, was most satisfactory to all interested. Several scholars of twelve years of age have completed Eaton's Common School Arithmetic, and two scholars of thirteen years are nearly through the Algebra, and other younger scholars were proportionately well advanced. In the attendance of some of the scholars, this is the banner school of the town, if not of the county—one of the scholars, Ruth H. Prince, having attended eight years without missing a single half day. The compositions, which were read and exhibited, were some of them quite remarkable for maturity of thought and for clearness and correctness of expression. Among the visitors present at the close was Prof. Hagar of the Salem Normal School, who expressed his belief that the standing of some of the scholars was seldom surpassed in a common school.

More attention has been given to drawing here than in any other school in town, and the drawing books, which were open to the inspection of those present, indicated considerable talent in this direction, in some instances where it was hardly expected. The drawings and mottoes upon the blackboards, which were the work of the scholars, were much admired by the visitors.

## CENTRE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Miss Alice C. Edwards, Teacher.

| | Summer. | Fall. | Winter. |
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| Length of school in weeks, | 12 | 10 | 12 |
| Wages of teacher per month, | $32 | $32 | $32 |
| Whole number of scholars, | 51 | 53 | 55 |
| Average attendance, | 46 | 49 | 47 1/2 |

At the commencement of the year, the Committee, prompted alike by their own opinions and by the manifest preference of the parents interested, engaged Miss Edwards to take charge of this school for another year. We have seen no reason to regret that such a decision was made, but much cause for congratulation. It was evident that to a great majority of the scholars the school-room was a happy place, and that they felt that in their teacher they had a patient, cheerful and sympathizing friend. We could not fail to notice that through the year it was the aim of the teacher to be strictly impartial, giving to each scholar their proportionate share of attention. The afternoon of the closing examination was greatly enjoyed by the usual large number of visitors, and all went away feeling that the commendations which were bestowed upon the teacher and scholars were just and deserving. Some specimens of free-hand drawing were seen upon the blackboards, which gave evidence that some talent in that direction had been developed.

## CENTRE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Miss Roxie Brigham, Teacher.

| | Summer. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wages of teacher per month, | $36 | $36 | $36 |
| Length of school in weeks, | 12 | 10 | 12 |
| Whole number of scholars, | 38 | 28 | 30 |
| Average attendance, | 35 | 27 | 27½ |

The procuring of a suitable teacher for this school was the cause of considerable anxiety on the part of the Committee. After extended inquiry, we decided to employ Miss Brigham, of Bridgeton, Me., who seemed to us more likely to fill the position acceptably than any other applicant within the reach of our means. She came to us highly recommended as a teacher, having had an experience of twenty years in schools of a variety of grade. We are satisfied that she devoted her entire attention to the school, and endeavored faithfully to advance the scholars in their various studies. We are inclined to the opinion that her methods of teaching were somewhat formal, and that therefore she failed to inspire that enthusiasm which is so essential a factor in successful school management. During the first two terms, the discipline of the school was fair, but in the winter term we felt that the reins of government were hardly held closely enough. We found rather more than the usual difference in the progress which had been made by the members of the various classes, some having advanced reasonably well, while others, it would seem, had hardly accomplished an average year's work. At the examination, while there were a few failures, most of the questions were correctly answered, and the questioning was fairly conducted. Not as much attention had been given to writing as we desired, although it is but justice to say that there had been considerable practice in the way of written examinations, spelling, &c. In comparing this school with others, we are strongly impressed that there is need of a thorough waking up, in order that it may take the place where it belongs, in the front rank of our schools.

## WEST SCHOOL.

Miss Sarah D. Rogers, Teacher.

| | Summer. | Fall. | Winter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Length of school in weeks, | 11 | 11 | 12 |
| Wages of teacher per month, | $30 | $30 | $33 |
| Whole number of scholars, | 31 | 26 | 48 |
| Average attendance, | 23 | 24 | 19 |

Miss Rogers has had several years experience as a teacher in the neighboring town of Topsfield, and the Committee of that town assured us that in her we should find a faithful teacher and a good disciplinarian. The experience of the year has given us no reason to dissent from their judgment. She possesses a decided talent for teaching young scholars, of which there are a large proportion in this school. The older scholars were, however, by no means neglected, as their rapid and thorough progress bore witness. The Committee had no reason to complain of the order of the school at their various visits, and the one or two cases of insubordination to which their notice was called received immediate attention, and the offenders readily promised better conduct. The teacher was always willing to devote considerable time to the interests of the school, beyond the regular school hours, especially in cases of omitted or imperfect lessons. This special attention and supplementary teaching was rendered necessary in order to secure, as near as possible, uniformity of attainment in the various classes. A noticeable feature in this school for several years has been the united interest which the members of the several classes seem to feel in their recitations, and the promptness with which mistakes were noticed and corrected tended to make each recitation spirited and interesting. The closing examination, which occurred Feb. 24th, was regarded by the Committee and others as having been very successful, good recitations and correct answers being the general rule, and poor recitations and incorrect answers the exception. Most of the scholars were afflicted with a cough during the winter term, which considerably reduced the average attendance.

## GENERAL REMARKS.

The great majority of those having charge of the children of our town are anxious that the school privileges which we have should be fully improved. We have the means of knowing that there are but few who are indifferent as to the attendance of those under their care. The law provides that every person having charge of children *shall* send them to some school a certain number of weeks each year. As some may not be aware of the strictness of the law, we insert here a portion of the Act of 1873, relating to the attendance of scholars :—

"Every person having under his control a child between the ages of eight and fourteen years, shall annually cause such child to attend some public day school in the city or town in which he resides, at least twenty weeks, which time shall be divided into two terms, each of ten consecutive weeks, so far as the arrangements of school-terms will allow ; and for the neglect of such duty the party offending shall forfeit to such city or town a sum not exceeding twenty dollars."

The exceptions are, where the parties are unable, by reason of poverty, to send such children to school, or where such children are otherwise provided with the means of education for a like period of time, or if they are physically or mentally incapacitated. In cases of non-compliance with the provisions of this law, which have come to our notice, we have endeavored by personal intercession to convince such parents that the requirements of the law were just and reasonable, and have generally succeeded in procuring the attendance of such scholars without exacting the penalty which the law provides. The town having passed a vote of instruction upon this subject, we shall endeavor to give the matter more special attention the coming year.

We have urged teachers to give large space to the study of arithmetic, believing that to be in accordance with the wishes of the parents and for the best interests of the scholars. We are of the opinion that the *fundamental rules*, so mastered

that the scholar can apply them rapidly and accurately, are of more importance practically than anything else. So we are told by business men; they want for accountants *ready reckoners*. It is often beneficial, as a general exercise, to drill the school in the combination of a series of numbers, involving the different processes of adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. To make the exercise still more varied, the scholars may themselves, in turn, arrange and give out the numbers for the others to compute.

During a large portion of the most growing and formative period of their lives, our children are under the direct control and influence of their teachers; how important, therefore, that the influence which they exert shall be pure and salutary. There is an *unconscious* influence which goes out from the teacher, which manifests itself in her ordinary words and deeds. It is this unconscious influence which is oftentimes the paramount moral force in the school-room, and which is moulding the character of the scholars. Above all things, therefore, it behooves the teacher to be of such a spirit that her instincts and impulses shall be pure and true.

Much has been said and written in regard to the use of corporal punishment in schools. We are decidedly of the opinion that this should not be *prominent* as a controlling agency. It is by no means a moral force. It appeals only to the lowest elements in our nature, and is at best only a provisional measure. In the opinion of our best educators and disciplinarians, love and sympathy are the *noblest* and *most effectual* agencies in a school-room. As human nature is at present constituted, however, there will probably always be a few obstinate and incorrigible cases who cannot be touched by such influences. In such cases we have never forbidden the moderate use of harsher measures, believing that when a scholar is not ashamed to do wrong, he should be afraid to do it. In cases of continued misconduct on the part of the older scholars, we have generally recommended

that they be temporarily suspended from the school by the teacher, in order that their cases may be brought directly to the notice of the Committee and parents.

Order is of the first necessity in every school, but it does not follow that to have good order it is necessary to have that motionless stillness which is thought requisite by some teachers. There is a certain amount of noise and motion incident to school work that is reasonable and agreeable to a healthy mind. The motion and bustle of a noisy and uncontrolled school are very different from those of a *good school*, heartily and self-forgetfully *at work*. A noted educator has said that "motionless stillness, especially in a primary school, would be a wicked achievement."

Before closing, we desire to express the hope that parents, in their criticisms of school management, will exercise a spirit of forbearance and charity. Teachers, being human, must sometimes err in the management of so much variety of disposition as they find in their pupils, but we have no doubt that if they are approached in a kind and friendly manner, all differences of opinion can be easily compromised and adjusted.

We regard it as a favorable sign that so much interest was manifested in educational matters at our last annual town meeting. The readiness with which the increased appropriation asked for by the Committee was granted, indicates that the welfare of our schools has a deep and lasting hold upon our citizens, notwithstanding their cost. It will be our endeavor in the future, as in the past, to expend the appropriation intrusted to our care to the best possible advantage.

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